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Gay man's killer freed after 4 yrs

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The early release of an offender convicted of killing a gay man in Stanley Park is proof the province's justice system is too lenient and doesn't protect victims of crime, the victim's cousin says.

Ryan Cran, 26, was released from prison on Thursday, after serving two thirds of his six-year sentence for his role in the beating death of Aaron Webster.

Webster's cousin, Denise Norman, told Metro that four years in jail isn't enough punishment for taking a life, and that even the original six-year sentence was too lenient.

"(Cran) doesn't even have a curfew. He can go have a party tonight with the other guys who killed Aaron if he wants," Norman said. "Our sentence is a life sentence."

Norman said British Columbians deserve tougher judgments, stricter minimum sentences for violent offences and an end to statutory releases.

"The gay community are victims of this crime (too)," she said.

Spencer Herbert, NDP MLA for Vancouver-Burrard and an openly gay West End resident, said violence motivated by hate silences people and keeps them from "speaking out and being who they are."

"The West End is supposed to be a safe place for the gay community, but ironically that also makes it a target," he said, adding that he was recently shouted at while holding hands with his partner on the street.

Herbert said people who are discriminated against because of their sexuality should have their own victim's services organization and a "bash line" to report attacks.

"We can't stop being vigilant, fighting back and standing up for our rights," Herbert said.

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Denise Norman, whose cousin Aaron Webster was beaten to death in 2001, seen in her Kitsilano home on Thursday.

"Our sentence is a life sentence."
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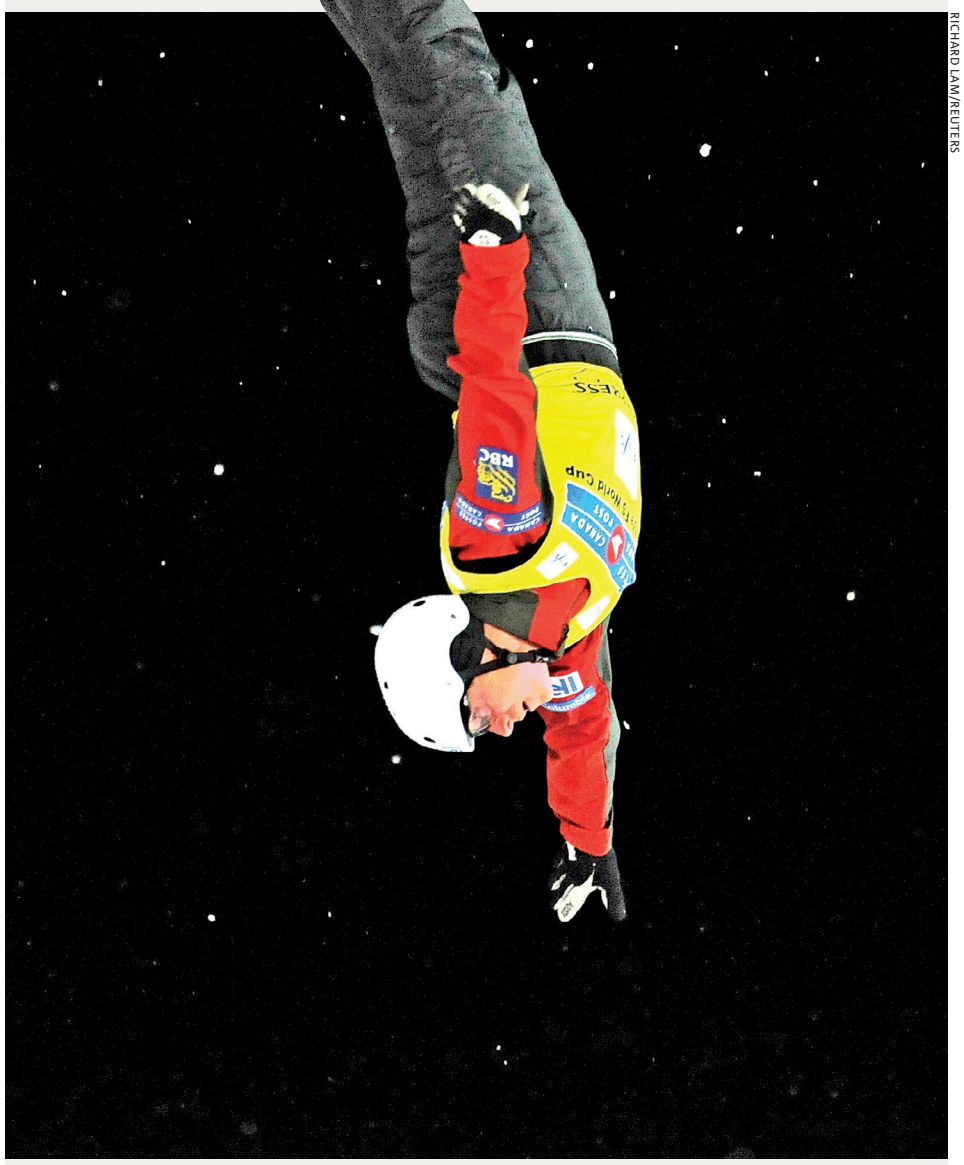

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Kelowna resident Steve Omischl makes a qualifying jump during the ski freestyle at the FIS World Cup at Cypress Mountain on Thursday. Nearly 300 of the world's best freestyle skiers, including several Olympians, are here this week for the event.

Grouse to be open 24-7 for Games

Grouse Mountain will remain open 24 hours a day during the 17 days of the 2010 Winter Games, the ski resort announced Thursday.

The Olympics will draw people from around the world and the resort wants to offer snow activities to visitors from all different time zones, 24/7. The resort, however, will not necessarily need to hire more staff.

"It's less about hiring more people," said William Mbaho, a spokesman for the resort, "and more about paying attention to our staff scheduling."

Next weekend, visitors to the mountain can get a taste of the experience when Grouse remains open for more than 48 hours to celebrate the one-year countdown to the 2010 Games.

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Linden … going once, going twice … yours

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CHARITY He's a married man, but for one afternoon, two of Trevor Linden's many admirers will get the chance to call the former Canuck their own.

Linden will be auctioning himself off for a Valentine's date at Six Degrees Of Separation, an annual charity gala that raises money for Special Olympics Canada.

The event will be held at the Commodore Ballroom on Saturday night.

The live auction lets participants bid on dates with high-profile Vancouver singles, including an RCMP officer, national rugby and ski team members and an NHL goaltender.

There will also be a silent auction that includes a Mini package from Mini Yaletown, a day in the life of a professional golfer and BeautyMark products.

Gala

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B.C. high-tech licences unveiled Friday
British Columbia's new driver's licences will be unveiled in Vancouver on Friday. The high-tech licences are designed to help curb identity theft, fraud and driving while prohibited. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Juno tickets on sale Saturday

Individual tickets to the Juno Awards go on sale on Saturday at 10 a.m. Ticketmaster is making 6,000 tickets available for the March 29 awards show at GM Place, where Sarah McLachlan, Nickelback, Ocean and Colour and Simple Plan will be performing. Seats run from $69 to $189.

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Firefighters stand outside the Washington Hotel on the Downtown Eastside as a resident leaves the building Thursday.

Four rescued from blaze

FIRE Eight people suffered smoke inhalation after a fire at a Downtown Eastside hotel on Thursday.

Firefighters said the sprinkler system at the nearly 100-year-old Washington Hotel failed to activate, letting the fire grow. It reportedly started on the ground floor and spread to the second and third floors.

At least four people were rescued from the building shortly after 1 p.m., with firefighters leaning ladders against the windows to get people out. It is not known when residents will be allowed back in the building.

The building is owned by the City of Vancouver, the provincial and federal governments. It is operated by Portland Hotel Society as single-room-occupancy low-income housing.

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Police call for DTES czar

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Vancouver's community court could serve as a good model for a proposed Downtown Eastside czar, Chief Const. Jim Chu said Thursday.

"Right now, we're all following a discipline-based approach where health does their own thing, mental health does their own thing, police do our own thing," Chu said.

"We need to change from a discipline-based approach to a client-based approach."

JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Chief Const. Jim Chu at Vancouver police headquarters yesterday. Chu touted a client-based approach for the Downtown Eastside.

Vancouver's new community court, Chu said, uses a judge to bring collaborative agencies together and hold them accountable.

"But what about the people that actually don't commit crimes? Should we have to arrest someone to get them into this holistic wrap-around approach?"

The Vancouver Police Department released a discussion paper Thursday that called for the creation of a "director for the most vulnerable people" to coordinate services in the Downtown Eastside.

The czar, Chu said, should be the level of a deputy minister and a "strong and focused leader who can guide our efforts and ensure accountability with measurable results."

Housing Minister Rich Coleman did not return calls to Metro on Thursday.

Kroeger gives up on appeal

IMPAIRED Nickelback frontman Chad Kroeger announced Thursday he is giving up on appealing a drunk driving conviction.

Kroeger, whose real name is Chad Turton, was stopped by Surrey RCMP driving with a blood alcohol level above the legal limit of .08. He was handed a one-year suspension and a fine of $600.

The incident happened in June 2006 when officers saw a red $175,000 Lamborghini speeding through a suburban area. The arresting officer estimated the speed at more than 160 kilometres per hour. When he asked for the driver's licence and insurance, Kroeger handed him a Visa.

Kroeger's lawyer, Marvin Stern, said they were going to argue it was illegal for the Mountie to ask the rock star to blow on his face based on an assumption that he had been drinking, but a similar appeal in the Supreme Court of Canada failed.

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Juno Awards

- Nickelback is nominated for five Juno Awards at GM Place on March 29.

News in brief

VANOC More than 70 of Canada's top athletes have sent a letter to VANOC asking that the organization make the 2010 Winter Olympics carbon neutral. Deborah Carlson, a climate change specialist with the David Suzuki Foundation, said the goal is achievable.

PICKTON Robert Pickton's siblings are suing the RCMP for allegedly leaving the family's Port Coquitlam pig farm in disarray after the lengthy murder investigation. The suit claims that police have not compensated the family for damage to buildings, vehicles, equipment and landscaping on the property.

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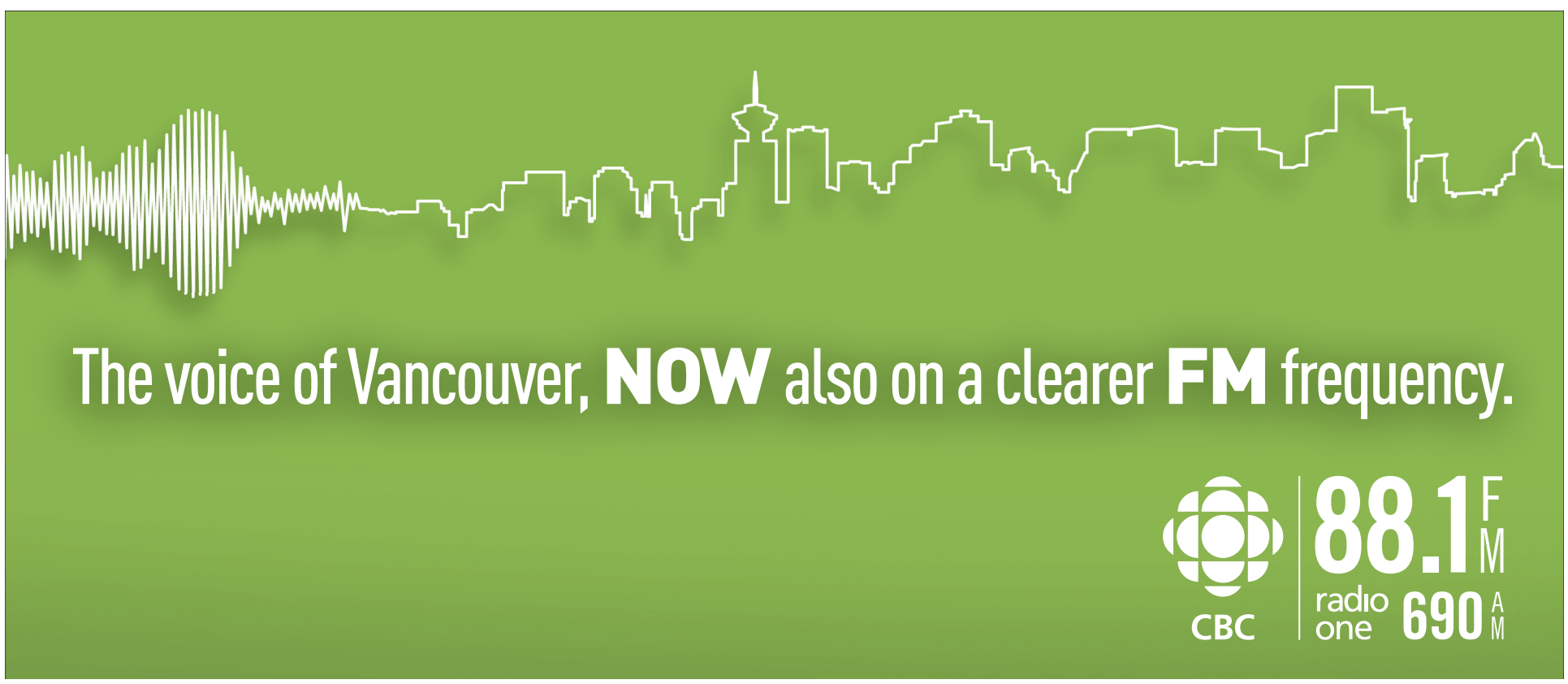

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A new study out of UBC has found that both red and blue can improve brain performance and receptivity to advertising. The study found that red is the most effective at enhancing our attention to detail, while blue is best at boosting our ability to think creatively. **METRO VANCOUVER**

City nixes ambassador funding

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Vancouver has backed away from its plan to pay $500,000 to support private-security ambassador programs in business improvement areas across the city.

Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association (DVBIA) executive director Charles Gauthier said the Downtown Ambassadors will continue to operate, but will likely drop back to 16 hours a day when the one-year contract with the city expires at the end of August.

"It was public money for private security," said Vision Coun. Raymond Louie, who moved the motion yesterday. "It was servicing only a limited geographical area with public money. A more appropriate model would have been to fund the police or community policing centres."

The DVBIA launched its ambassador program in 2000 to assist tourists and help crime prevention.

In September, the city provided $237,000 to expand the ambassadors' hours to 24/7 from the previous 16 hours a day.

The ambassadors program, or similar ones, has expanded to business improvement areas in South Granville, West End, Yaletown and South Hill (Fraser Street).

The $500,000, approved by the previous NPA-dominated council, would have gone to partially funding ambassadors in 15 BIAs outside of the downtown core.

News in brief

ROBBERIES Police are warning business owners in southeast Vancouver about a series of armed robberies that appear to have been committed by the same man. A masked man robbed three different businesses at gunpoint between Jan. 13 and Jan. 30.

FUGITIVE The Canadian government had little choice but to grant a work permit to Lai Changxing, while he fights extradition to China. Changxing is allegedly one of China's most wanted fugitives. The courts have ruled that those who living in Canada under an order preventing their removal have the right to get a job if they have no other means in supporting themselves.

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Art is all around you in new gallery exhibit

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CULTURE If you're planning a visit to the Vancouver Art Gallery, keep your eyes and ears peeled while walking up to the building.

Its newest exhibit, How Soon Is Now: Contemporary Art From Here — which opens on Saturday and features 34 British Columbia artists — begins before visitors even walk through the doors.

Artist Abbas Akhavan has installed speakers in the trees to play bird songs, Aaron Carpenter's flag will fly from the gallery's flagpole, and

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO VANCOUVER

A woman walks by Kristi Malakoff's Skull at the Vancouver Art Gallery Thursday.

Kristi Malakoff has made a massive star in the lobby from tape used to block scenes for stage actors.

Inside, artwork is on ceilings and floors, in alcoves and windows, and behind walls.

"It invites a sense of the unexpected and having different kinds of encounters with the works of art," assistant curator Kathleen Ritter said.

The pieces are connected through motifs relevant to contemporary British Columbian society, including environment, space and social interaction, architecture, racism and First Nation stereotypes, and forestry.

"(We visited) more than 120 artists' studios to find the freshest and most contemporary art being produced in B.C. today," director of the gallery Kathleen Bartels said. "Their works present a range of critical, transformative, social, sensory and political experiences that are uniquely B.C. and very today."

Groups want provincial poverty plan

LETTER The province needs a plan to reduce poverty by a third over the next four years, advocates said Thursday as they issued an open letter to all B.C. political parties.

The letter, which was signed by 200 organizations, calls on politicians to create a comprehensive poverty-reduction plan with legislated targets and timelines.

It aims for a 30 per cent decline in the poverty rate in the next four years as well as a 75 per cent decline over the next decade.

As well, the letter calls for an end to people sleeping outside within two years and for an end to homelessness in eight years.

To meet these goals, poverty activists have identified seven policy actions including universal public childcare, increased income support for the unemployed and increased wages for the working poor.

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ARREST Police have made an arrest in connection with the fire set at the Chilliwack home of B.C. Lieut. Gov. Steven Point last week. The suspect, a young offender, appeared in court on Thursday.

FINE The company that operated an overcrowded van that crashed on Highway 1 in Abbotsford killing three farmworkers has been fined $70,000. The vehicle didn't have proper seats or seatbelts.

GANGS Two known gang associates have been arrested in connection with the assault of a man at a West Vancouver nightclub. Milad Mahyari and Javad Ali Babaei have been charged with pepper spraying the victim and hitting him over the head with a metal pipe.

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Ontario to invest in 'smart' power grid

Ontario will invest in rebuilding the province's electricity distribution system into a "smart" grid to better utilize renewable energy, Premier Dalton McGuinty said Thursday. So-called smart grids allow for the two-way flow of electricity, so it can be distributed from a wider range of sources. **REUTERS**

Canada

Trudeau family grows

Liberal MP Justin Trudeau and one-year-old son Xavier, left, welcomed a new addition to the family yesterday as Justin's wife, Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau, gave birth to the couple's second child, a girl. Ella-Grace Margaret Trudeau weighed six pounds, 13 ounces, when she was born Thursday morning. METRO NEWS SERVICES

News in brief

TERRORISM Lawrence Greenspon, the lawyer for Momin Khawaja, argued Thursday in an Ottawa court that his client should be sentenced to time served and be set free. Khawaja was the first person charges under the post-9-11 anti-terrorism laws. He was convicted on seven counts in October.

REFUGEES The Supreme Court of Canada declined Thursday to hear activists' claims that Canada should not send refugees back to the United States because it is not a "safe" country for them.

SENTENCE A Toronto judge sentenced Maitham Alzehrani, 37, of Windsor, Ont., who conspired with Albanian smugglers in the United States to smuggle immigrants across the Detroit River on jet skis, to 4½ years in prison, less pre-trial custody.

TWINS Ranjit Hayer, 60, gave birth to twins Thursday in Calgary. The babies, Manjot and Gurpreet, were delivered by C-section. Hayer is believed to be the oldest Canadian yet to give birth. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Ontario Provincial Police Commissioner Julian Fantino, left, addresses reporters at Thursday's news conference about the biggest child pornography bust in Ontario history.

Kids rescued in porn bust

Searing images of the sexual abuse of infants, toddlers and schoolchildren from across Ontario make up the evidence in the largest child pornography bust in Ontario history, police say.

The cross-Ontario raids freed a four-year-old boy and 12-year-old girl this week, but police said they fear there are plenty of other children still suffering from sexual abuse and exploitation on the Internet.

"For those children waiting to be rescued, we are looking for you," Insp. Andrew Stewart of the Ontario Provincial Police said. "Tell someone."

His comments came Thursday at a news conference as police officers from 18 forces from across the province announced the arrests of 31 men and boys charged with child pornography and sexual abuse and exploitation on the Internet. Ages of the 31 accused range from a 14-year-old to a 60-year-old man.

Ninety-three charges have been laid, and police said they expect more as the investigations continue.

"For those children waiting to be rescued, we are looking for you."
Insp. Andrew Stewart

Police declined to release any information about the two rescued children.

Many of the accused were relatives or neighbours of their alleged victims, police say.

Some of their alleged victims were literally out of the cradle.

"The most fundamental responsibility of our society is to protect our children," Ontario Provincial Police Commissioner Julian Fantino said.

Charges laid this week range from sexual assault to possession of child pornography, some of which features the rape of children on video.

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VIDEO Police make the case for help in shutting down child pornography rings at metronews.ca/canada

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150 lots returned to Saskatoon
In another sign Saskatoon's real estate boom has cooled, the city is reporting that a record number of serviced lots were returned in 2008. Individuals and companies changed their minds on 150 lots — and paid more than $800,000 in penalties to give them back. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

CHRIS WATTIE/REUTERS

Environment commissioner Scott Vaughan speaks during a news conference Thursday with auditor general Sheila Fraser in Ottawa.

Tory environment analysis 'flawed,' watchdog says

The Conservative government has no way to track the environmental benefits of two major programs it has said would result in significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, the federal environment commissioner has found.

A public transit tax credit announced in 2006 as a way to cut emissions by 220,000 tonnes per year will in fact "lead to negligible reductions" based on the government's own revised estimates — and the means to measure its actual impact haven't yet been created, Scott Vaughn's audit of various government tools to reduce air emissions revealed.

There is also no scientific basis to claim that a $1.5-billion climate change fund for the provinces will result in an 80-megatonne cut in emissions, the audit said.

The government used "flawed analysis" to arrive at the 80-megatonne figure and Ottawa put no onus on the provinces to account for how the cash is spent when it set up the fund in the 2007 budget.

"Canadians expect the government to tackle environmental degradation," said Vaughn, who released the report on Thursday.

"The government needs to know what works, what doesn't and why. However, our audit work ... found gaps in the information needed for Parliament to know how well the programs we examined are working, or whether adjustments are needed."

Spending
Feds have no say

- Auditor general Sheila Fraser said Thursday that when Ottawa gives money to the provinces for specific programs, there is no way to ensure the money is spent as intended.

Liberal environment critic David McGuinty, former chair of the National Roundtable on the Environment and the Economy, an arms-length group that reviews Ottawa's environmental performance, said opposition parties saw these problems coming.

"What we've seen is a report where the government got caught," he said.

Environment Minister Jim Prentice said estimates of the greenhouse gas reductions that would flow from the two programs were based on the best available information provided by departmental officials at the time. But critics accused the Tories of putting taxpayer dollars into "politically inspired" programs they knew would have negligible environmental benefits.

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Video Analysis of the auditor general's worrisome report at metronews.ca/canada

News in brief

RETRACTED Senator Mike Duffy withdrew a metaphor Thursday that put two premiers in bed together. "I was disappointed to see that our ... premier in Prince Edward Island, Robert Ghiz, has climbed into bed with the premier of Newfoundland," said Duffy on Tuesday.

SCIENCE A study headed by researchers at the University of British Columbia, published this week in the journal Nature, has found that responsible fishing guidelines should be enforced as law worldwide, as the voluntary rules are failing to protect fish stocks.

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UN report urges Ottawa to improve human rights record

COUNCIL Responding to criticism over deaths of people who have been Tasered by police, the federal government has promised the United Nations Human Rights Council to "find an effective way to engage civil society" in the review process on the weapons.

It's not clear how such public involvement would be carried out. The pledge was contained in a first-ever review of Canada's record on human rights, released yesterday in draft form by a working group of the Geneva-based organization.

There is no legal force to recommendations by the UN body — nor to promises by diplomats. However, rights activists count on the "name and shame" publicity aspect of the newly implemented reviews by the 47-nation council.

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Response

- A Canadian official told the UN working group the use of Tasers is being widely studied in Canada and "a number of police forces and governments" are examining them. The official further promised public engagement in the follow-up to ongoing review in Canada.

La Nina to taper off throughout spring, U.S. climate centre says

La Nina will persist into the spring of 2009, but should gradually weaken during that period. The U.S. Climate Prediction Centre said the weather system, which creates cooler-than-average temperatures in the Pacific Ocean, will weaken steadily until April, with an eventual return to neutral conditions. REUTERS

World

Audio of splashdown released

The voice of a pilot who successfully ditched a passenger jet into New York's Hudson River last month is heard in audio recordings released Thursday telling air traffic controllers, "We're going to be in the Hudson." The recordings of the mayday call, released by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration, provide a glimpse into the pilot's demeanour before the splashdown on Jan. 15. REUTERS

News in brief

STOCKHOLM Israel's ambassador to Sweden is the latest public figure to be targeted by a shoe-throwing protester. Police said Ambassador Benny Dagan was hit on the leg by the shoe at Stockholm University recently.

AUSTRALIA A job looking after a tiny island in Australia has attracted 11,000 applicants — including Osama bin Laden. One of the video pitches received was a 30-second prank video featuring the world's most wanted man. REUTERS

Melting ice sheet could flood coasts

CLIMATE North America's coastlines would be hit especially hard by rising sea levels if the West Antarctic Ice Sheet melts in a warming world, as some experts fear, Toronto-based scientists said Thursday.

The loss of that ice alone would inundate coastal areas, swamping New York, Washington D.C., Florida, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle, with sea levels in some places higher by 21 feet or more. REUTERS

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Doubt cast on U.S. stimulus

Americans voice growing concern over the cost of U.S. President Barack Obama's economic stimulus plans and assail as a weakness the disagreement in Washington over how to spend the money.

Two opinion polls show support dwindling. In a Rasmussen Reports survey, 37 per cent of citizens backed the legislation in Congress, down from 45 per cent two weeks ago, while 43 per cent opposed it.

In a Gallup opinion poll, 38 per cent wanted the bill passed as it stood, while 37 per cent wanted major changes.

Obama's fellow Democrats and rival Republicans in Washington are looking for signs of shifting opinion over the $819-billion US bill meant to help rescue the U.S. economy from recession.

Even Democrats have reservations. Some voters decry a lack of political consensus; others argue the government should do more to explain the plan's benefits to voters. REUTERS

Bonuses banned

• The Senate voted to ban bonuses for top executives at banks or companies receiving taxpayer money from a $700-billion US bailout fund. The measure was approved as an amendment to the stimulus plan.

Japan Job search begins

TORU HANAI/ REUTERS

College students gets psyched up at a job-hunting rally yesterday in Tokyo. Some 3,000 students from business schools kicked off efforts to job-hunt with a morale-boosting rally.

At least 800 civilians escape war zone in north Sri Lanka

CONFLICT At least 800 civilians caught in raging fighting escaped Sri Lanka's war zone Thursday, the military said, and the government renewed a call for Tamil Tiger rebels to surrender unconditionally or face destruction.

Battles flared around a shrinking wedge of jungle in the Indian Ocean island's northeast, measured at about 200 square kilometres, in which the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) separatists are trapped.

Troops killed 15 rebels, including three senior guerrillas, while capturing the coastal village of Chalai, the last redoubt of the LTTE's Sea Tigers naval wing. Three soldiers died in the battle there, a military spokesman said. REUTERS

Civilians trapped

• Tens of thousands of civilians are being held in the war zone under grave threat of harm from violence and a lack of food and medicine, aid agencies say.

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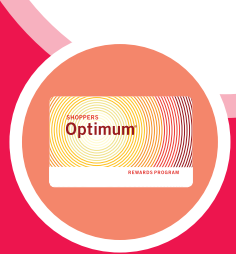

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Easy money or costly scam?

Do research to avoid getting stuck in a pyramid scheme

Marketplace

Who doesn't want to make more money? Especially these days. So the offer to make easy cash is tempting. And that's what a company called BIM (Business in Motion) is offering. We found out firsthand when we went inside: Join the organization, and you could make serious dollars, and get dream vacations. Almost every night in hotel conference rooms across the country, BIM is holding information sessions about its exclusive money-making plan, with the promise that it is on the cusp of exploding into a profitable venture bigger than Amway.

Sound too good to be true? BIM says it's not. It says that hasn't stopped around 8,000 Canadians from getting in. The man behind BIM, Alan Kippax, says the company has already brought in $30 million in sales. And just what does BIM sell? Its main product is the UltraLife travel club, with online access to steep discounts on resort travel all over the world. Attend a presentation, and you could get the sense you'll soon be relaxing in sunny climes while the money pours in.

BIM says you can get a $9,000 package for just $3,200 at one of its presentations. We get ourselves inside and do some digging. We attend a few sessions and discover the real attraction is not the holiday, but the promise of big money. The pitch is about bringing in new buyers. And when you help Alan Kippax do that, you can join its pay structure and, he says, potentially make thousands of dollars signing up new members.

But potential buyers should approach with caution. Experts we've spoken to say BIM looks and sounds like an illegal pyramid scheme, which means it has a limited shelf life and buyers could lose their money. To prevent pyramids, Canada's Competition Bureau forbids any company from operating a business that makes most of its money off recruiting. Another red flag for pyramid schemes? The product sold is often of little value.

So just how much is its travel product worth? We compare BIM's $3,200 travel club with discount sites available on the Internet. We find cheaper prices for the same date at the same resort as in BIM's package.

Alan Kippax insists his company is legal. But the RCMP admitted to us that they suspect it is an illegal pyramid scheme. They told us they've passed on their concerns to the Competition Bureau. The Competition Bureau would not say whether it is investigating.

Meanwhile, BIM continues to pitch its plan to Canadians desperate for cash during these tough times. If you are unsure about joining a money-making venture, do lots of homework. Turn to the Internet and search for any complaints about the people involved. And before you hand over your money, understand the law so that you don't risk losing cash to a scheme that may eventually collapse.

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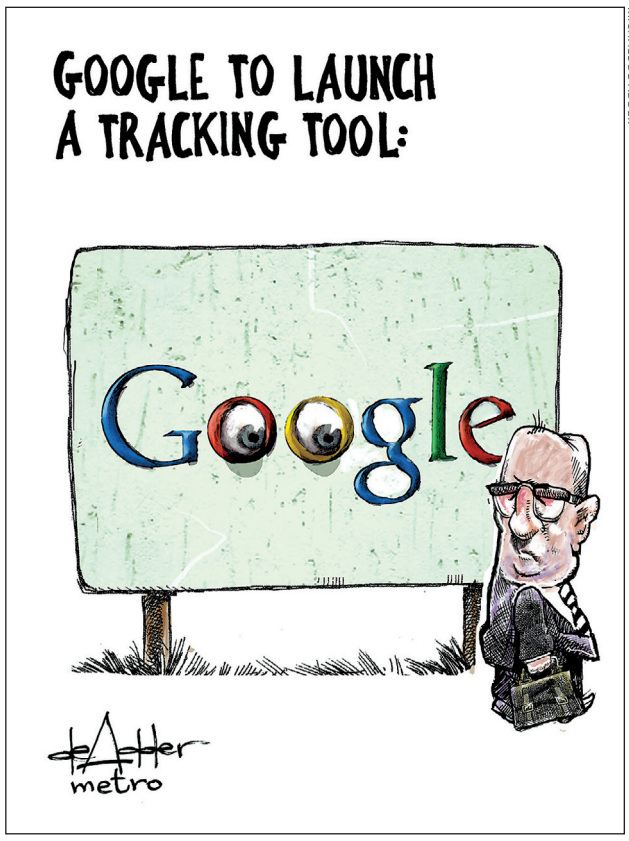

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Views

Councillor not buying bottled-up tap water

UrbanCompass

There was a big fuss in Calgary this week when Metro broke the story that Calgary is exploring options for its water services, including the possibility of privatization.

Calgary officials issued the usual swift denials and one maintained that "privatization was never discussed or on the table." Well, that may be, but it's a little late, isn't it? Drinking water was, for all practical purposes, privatized a long time ago.

It's called bottled water, and according to Statistics Canada, three in 10 Canadians drank bottled water in 2006. Somehow, at least a third of the population has bought the idea bottled water is better, safer, cleaner, etc. than tap water, no matter how often health officials pooh-pooh the idea.

This can get funny. Bottled water companies routinely sell customers their own tap water. For example, Dasani, which is owned by Coca-Cola, filters municipal tap water in Brampton and Calgary, and sells it back to you. Although it's not obvious on the bottle, Dasani doesn't try to hide it; check out the website: "To create Dasani, Coca-Cola bottlers start with the local water supply, which is then filtered for purity using a state-of-the-process called reverse osmosis." Whatever. Tap water from source is probably healthier, if only because it is fluoridated, a main reason for cavity-free dentist visits. And in Canada, municipal water supplies are tested daily while bottled water plants are inspected every three years.

Here in Vancouver, we have one of the finest tap water supplies on the planet, but that hasn't stopped people from buying bottled. Coun. Tim Stevenson wants to get drinking water back into the public domain, and has launched a one-man campaign to make it so. He tabled a motion last summer calling for bottled water to be banned in city facilities, which passed unanimously, and he expects city staff to come back with a report outlining feasibility of the idea to council on March 5.

There are issues, he realizes; bottled water is the No. 1 revenue item in Stanley Park, for example; and while water coming out of drinking fountains is clean, birds tend to view fountains as bird baths. "We'll have to post signs telling the birds to stay away," he mused the other day. Now, if only we could teach a bunch of birdbrains to read.

But Stevenson is serious about de-privatizing water, as an estimated 10 million bottles end up in B.C. landfills each year. And no one can argue that pile away. I'm not sure trying to ban bottled water will work, but who knows? Stranger things have happened ... like the wholesale adoption of bottled water in the first place.

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Letters

Considering helmet rule for NHL fights a welcome move

A statement by the NHL players' association chief that it could consider making helmet use compulsory during ice hockey fights is a welcome move. These injuries and fatalities must be prevented and controlled and needs no further discussion. Players who refuse to wear helmets during fights should be banned from playing hockey. The public health community has a societal duty to speak up on behalf of those who are vulnerable to injury, as well as to the economics of treatment and lack of prevention.

Injuries cost our healthcare system so significantly. Injuries account for $12 billion of health-care expenditures per year. After cancer and cardiovascular disease, injuries are the most costly condition for our healthcare system. Injury is the leading cause of death and hospitalization of Canadians under 45 and the fourth leading cause of death among all Canadians.

DR. EDIRIWEERA DESAPRIYA, VANCOUVER

Quote of the Day

"The order from the Vatican is an important and good signal. It makes clear that Holocaust denial cannot be allowed to stand without consequences."

— German Chancellor Angela Merkel after the Vatican decided to order a traditionalist bishop who denies the Holocaust to recant his views.
REUTERS

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Warner Music posts gains
Warner Music Group posted quarterly profits of $23 million US, up from a $16-million loss a year earlier, despite falling CD sales and slower growth in digital revenue. REUTERS

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Certicom subject of bidding war?

When it comes to wireless, it's usually the handset manufacturers and their sleek, sexy gadgets that garner the most attention — not the companies that contribute to the development of the devices' sophisticated electronic brains.

That was the case with Certicom Corp. — that is, until it became the target of a bidding war initiated by long-time partner Research In Motion Ltd. that has boosted Certicom's shares by more than 75 per cent over the past month.

Certicom's technology was instrumental in allowing U.S. President Barack Obama to keep his BlackBerry and to use email, aided by the fact that the U.S. National Security Administration had already approved Certicom's encryption software for government communications.

RIM is now leading the race to acquire Certicom after outbidding California-based VeriSign Inc., an Internet security provider, with a $3-per-share offer that values the company at about $131 million.

Certicom said yesterday VeriSign has until next Wednesday to sweeten its $2.10-per-share bid.

Shares of Certicom closed at $3.20, up four cents, yesterday on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Analysts say RIM decided to launch a hostile takeover to prevent its competitors, including Motorola, Oracle, Unisys and IBM, from acquiring the company.

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Just the facts on Certicom

- Based in Mississauga, Ont.
- Employs 120 people
- Holds some 470 patents
- Licenses and encrypts software used by Research in Motion in its BlackBerry, which is known for its highly envied wireless email security

Bombardier to lay off 1,300 workers

LAYOFFS Bombardier Inc. said Thursday that its aerospace unit plans to cut more than 1,300 jobs as it braces for a drop in business jet orders.

The Montreal-based company said it will cut 4.5 per cent of its 30,000 workforce — 1,010 temporary workers and subcontractors and 350 permanent employees at its Montreal, Wichita and Belfast facilities. Layoffs will begin this month.

REUTERS

Put bad debt in "bad bank": IMF

ECONOMY The International Monetary Fund warned Thursday of a more severe economic downturn unless governments move aggressively to fix the financial system by removing troubled assets from banks' books.

Purging the banks of the bad debt by transferring toxic assets into a "bad bank" would be costly but such steps are tried and true in previous crises, it argued.

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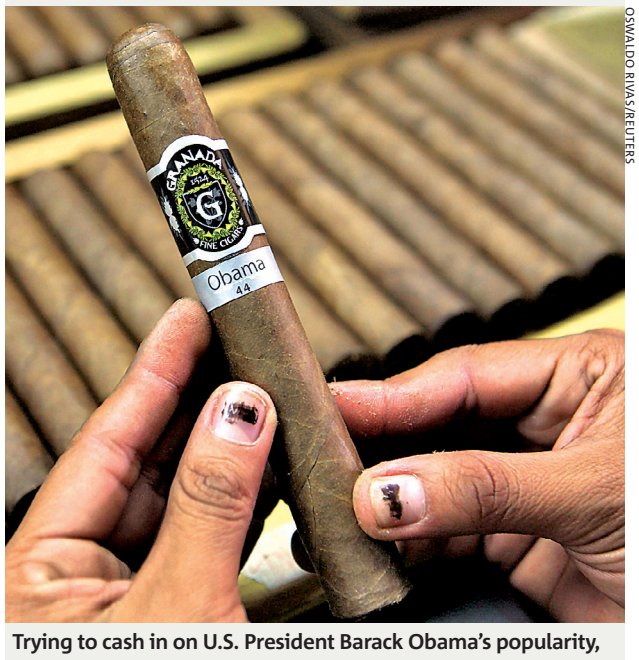
Cigars Obamaniacs smoke, too



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Trying to cash in on U.S. President Barack Obama's popularity, Granada Cigars has produced hand-rolled Obama cigars — seen here being inspected in a Nicaraguan manufacturing plant Thursday — wrapped with a band that says Obama 44. Obama is a former smoker.

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Patrick Roy's son to face trial next summer

Jonathan Roy, the son of NHL Hall of Famer Patrick Roy, will face trial in July on an assault charge. Jean Asselin, Jonathan Roy's new lawyer, says his client intends to fight the allegations stemming from a brawl during a Quebec Major Junior Hockey League game last March. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Hall call for Weir

Mike Weir was elected as the 2009 nominee for the Canadian Golf Hall of Fame Thursday. The 2003 Masters Champion will officially be inducted into the Hall as part of the weeklong festivities for the 100th playing of the RBC Canadian Open in July at Glen Abbey in Oakville.

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Going for two

Saturday

VS

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The Canucks will try to build upon their modest one-game winning streak against a team they have yet to beat this season. The Blackhawks have won both meetings by a pair of goals, most recently a 3-1 victory at GM Place on December 20th. Vancouver is wrapping up a four-game home stand while Chicago is nearing the end of an eight-game road trip.

SURGING CENTRE: Though Mats Sundin is coming off his best game as a Canuck, Ryan Kesler has been Vancouver's best forward of late. Kesler has three goals and five points in his last two games, and he's logged more than twenty minutes of icetime in each of the last four games.

NUMBERS GAME: Chicago boasts both an offence and a defence that rank in the NHL's top five. Vancouver barely cracks the top 15 in each category.

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Silver for Dube and Davison

FIGURE SKATING Canadians Jessica Dube of Drummondville, Que., and partner Bryce Davison of Cambridge, Ont., stormed back to secure a silver medal in the pairs free skate Thursday at the ISU Four Continents figure skating championships at Pacific Coliseum. China's Pang Qing and Tong Jian won gold.

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Hawks burn Flames

NHL RESULT

Blackhawks 5 Flames 2

VS

LAURENCE HEINEN
for Metro Canada

THE SKINNY: Despite a visit from general manager Darryl Sutter during a closed-door meeting, the Calgary Flames floundered at home and suffered their third straight loss.

TODD KOROL/REUTERS

Flames goalie Miikka Kiprusoff reacts to the first Blackhawks goal of the game in the first period Thursday night.

THE X-FACTOR: With 22, Nikolai Khabibulin has more career wins against Calgary than any other team in the league.

No Canada

- Chicago is undefeated against Canadian teams this season.

NBA Lakers, Celtics renewed

ADAM HUNGER/REUTERS

Kevin Garnett blocks a Kobe Bryant shot last night in Boston. The Lakers beat the Celtics 110-109 in overtime.

Phelps suspended three months

SWIMMING Record-setting Olympic champion Michael Phelps has been banned for three months by USA Swimming amid controversy over a photograph published in a British newspaper showing him smoking marijuana.

Phelps's financial support has also been cut off for the same three-month period, the sport's national governing body said in a statement on its website on Thursday.

"We decided to send a strong message to Michael because he disappointed so many people, particularly the hundreds of thousands of USA Swimming member kids who look up to him as a role model and a hero," the federation added.

REUTERS

Despite slump, Canucks still in it

TheHockeyNews

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The NHL is supposed to be chockfull of parity these days — and if you glance at the standings, that appears to be the case. It's tight all over.

In the Western Conference, for example, you can easily make the case that all 15 teams are still alive and in the playoff hunt.

How close is it? Entering last night's action, fifth-place Anaheim had 57 points, eighth-place Minnesota had 53 and last-place St. Louis had 47 (and the Blues had three games in hand on the Ducks).

When the standings are packed like that, lengthy losing streaks are a playoff death sentence. Yet the Vancouver Canucks went on an eight-game winless skid (0-5-3) in January and came out the other side still in a playoff position.

It doesn't make sense. If you've been watching the Canucks play the past few weeks, you've probably stopped checking the standings.

But fear not. Somehow, some way, the Canucks managed to remain relevant despite losing five straight games at home.

The Canucks finally pulled out of it with a 4-3 win over visiting Carolina on Tuesday, but was it a blip or the start of a turnaround?

The good news is, Vancouver's upcoming schedule is favourable. The Canucks have 12 games before the NHL trade deadline on March 4; a dozen games to figure out if they're contenders or pretenders. Vancouver has five games against Eastern opponents, including Montreal twice, home and away.

But the Canadiens are the only playoff team among Vancouver's upcoming games against the East; Ottawa, Toronto and Tampa Bay are also on tap.

That leaves seven games against Western foes, but only Calgary and Chicago are solidly in the playoff mix; the rest of the Canucks' games are against teams in that fifth-to-15th-place logjam, including tilts with St. Louis, Phoenix and Columbus.

Vancouver, a mere 2-5-5 in its past dozen outings, should be shooting to at least reverse that record in its next dozen contests. If that happens, they'll likely try to trade for some help and go on a playoff run.

But if the losing continues, they might as well send Mats Sundin to a contender come March 4; otherwise, he'll be heading back to Sweden much earlier than anticipated this spring.

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Movies

Bittersweet beauties Pg 14

He's Just Not That Into You is a movie worth seeing simply for the star cast of beautiful actresses alone — but be warned, it's not a good his-and-hers date movie. Women watchers will likely find it funny and romantic but also, at times, infuriating.

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Coraline more gripping than the typical family fare.

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CTV brings Oscar contest

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Movies

A CLASSIC; EXCELLENT; GOOD; FAIR; POOR

Into You onto relationships

He's Just Not That Into You

Director: Ken Kwapis
Stars: Drew Barrymore, Jennifer Aniston
Classification: PG
Rating: ½

ROBYN YOUNG
for Metro Canada

Scarlett Johansson, left, and Drew Barrymore star in He's Just Not That Into You.

Warning: He's Just Not That Into You is a bad movie choice for date night. For girl's night (or guy's night), however, it might be just perfect.

As long as you remember it's only a movie and take care not to read too much into anything — it could be hazardous to your personal life.

The Ken Kwapis romantic comedy boasts a long list of starlets including Drew Barrymore, Jennifer Aniston, Bradley Cooper, Ginnifer Goodwin, Scarlett Johansson, Justin Long, Ben Affleck and Jennifer Connelly.

Based on the bestselling self-help book, He's Just Not That Into You, by Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo and published in 2004, the premise is that if a guy likes you he'll call, drop by, send flowers, ask you out and basically do anything and everything he can to be with you.

And as Justin Long's character Alex states over and over again, any behaviour that falls outside of that is "the exception, not the rule."

"And you're not the exception, you're the rule," he tells Ginnifer Goodwin's character Gigi repeatedly in an attempt to coach her through a myriad of dating disasters.

The film follows a group of interconnected, Baltimore 20- to 30-somethings experiencing varying degrees of relationship successes and failures.

With an interesting take on the 2004 book which is very rigid in its doctrine, it focuses mostly on the "rules" but also makes a valid case that exceptions to those rules do exist and sometimes it's best just to go with how you feel.

Depending on your own relationship status you may find it funny, romantic, alarming, depressing or infuriating.

In any case, it's worth a look for the list of top-billing celebrities alone and with the mix of storylines it'll be easy to relate to at least one of the relationship scenarios.

On the web

- For a He's Just Not That Into You trailer, and screen times, visit metronews.ca/movies.

Nurse slow but steady

Nurse.Fighter.Boy

Director: Charles Officer
Stars: Clark Johnson
Classification: 14A
Rating:

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW In the melodramatic urban drama, Nurse.Fighter.Boy (and yes, that punctuation is meant to be there), Clark Johnson from TV's The Wire stars as a rugged over-the-hill boxer who, after getting injured in a street fight, becomes enraptured with a nurse (Karen LeBlanc) suffering from a critical ailment and her slightly-eccentric son (Daniel J. Gordon).

Yes, it's a simple (and at times soporific) plot but the focus here is on faith, redemption and, of course, love. As such, this movie is more about its talented stars, who display a subtle intensity that has deservingly earned both Johnson and LeBlanc awards at the Whistler and Atlantic Film Festivals, respectively.

While this film is definitely in no hurry to move the story along, it redeems itself with gripping, gorgeous cinematography that uses colorful blue and orange tones to set the mood. It may not feature riveting action, but as a first-time feature for writer/director Charles Officer, Nurse.Fighter.Boy is an impressive debut and displays a bright future from a new Canadian talent.

A scene from Nurse.Fighter.Boy.

Convoluted plot mars Push

Push

Director: Paul McGuigan
Stars: Chris Evans, Dakota Fanning
Classification: 14A
Rating:

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Chris Evans and Dakota Fanning play psychic superheroes in the Paul McGuigan-directed sci-fi thriller Push.

REVIEW Push is a film for those who might suspect their palm reader is holding back on them. Exploring an incredulous secret world of the paranormally powered, Push turns psychics into superheroes in the latest thriller from Lucky Number Slevin's Paul McGuigan.

Chris Evans (Fantastic Four) stars as a so-called "mover" — someone with the ability to physically move objects telekinetically — and we're not just talking bending spoons here, folks.

When 13-year-old clairvoyant Cassie (Dakota Fanning) suddenly appears, she demands the pair track down a mysterious briefcase, which is hiding a concoction designed to dramatically intensify psychic ability.

The problem: They must beat a secret government organization to the serum and, specifically, a powerful agent named Henry Carver (Djimon Hounsou) who can force thoughts and emotions into others' minds.

If these characters all sound slightly derivative of the X-Men franchise, they are. But whereas that comic-book flick had a plot that was easy to digest, Push is convoluted and rather dubious. Then again, what do you expect from a flick where "sniffers" can tell who you've been hanging around with just by smelling your toothbrush.

Push definitely has some entertaining ideas and McGuigan gives the thriller a measured pace with lots to look at. But as much as the muted tones of dirty Hong Kong works for the film, this was one mind Push's plot was unable to penetrate.

Coraline holds thrills for all ages

Coraline

Director: Henry Selick
Stars: Dakota Fanning,Teri Hatcher
Classification: PG
Rating: ½

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Based on a popular novel by accomplished author Neil Gaiman, Coraline is, if nothing else, a breath of fresh air in the genre of family fare. Not only is it styled in the classic gothic look mastered by its director Henry Selick in The Nightmare Before Christmas, but Coraline is the first-ever stop-motion animated flick ever conceived for 3-D.

Coraline (voiced by Dakota Fanning) is a bored young girl who, after moving into a shared residence called the Pink Palace with her overworked-and-underattentive parents, discovers a mysterious door that leads to alternate universe.

In this world, she is greeted by friendly fireflies, entertained by jumping mice, tickled by snapdragons and even her doppelganger parents are way more benevolent despite the disturbing black buttons in place of their eyes.

As the film's advertising points out, Coraline is a be-careful-what-you-wish-for story where the grass-is-always-greener soon turns pretty spooky black. Taking a page right out of the Tim Burton book of Beetlejuice, Selick gives this fantasy a completely compelling look; his perfectly detailed stop-motion artistry the ideal forum for such a brooding fairy-tale.

As a family film however, one should take into account that Coraline is a rich, artistic experience and delves into some darker themes; some scary elements may not appeal to toddlers coddled by today's more conventional cinematic fare.

Still, Coraline is one family-based flick that will keep parents as white-knuckled as the kids.

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Warner Bros. preps Green Lantern

Looks like Warners Bros. is getting serious about Green Lantern. The studio is deep in negotiations with Casino Royale director Martin Campbell to take on the live-action superhero adventure. IMDB.COM

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Shopaholic actor follows heart

ROBYN YOUNG
for Metro Canada

In his deep, smooth British accent, Hugh Dancy clears his throat and explains why he chose to get involved in the much-anticipated film Confessions of a Shopaholic.

"It always begins with the script, that goes without saying, but beyond that, it was the list of people that I would be working with," said the 33-year-old up-and-comer.

The Jerry Bruckheimer flick features redhaired bombshell and funny-woman Isla Fisher and is directed by P.J. Hogan, two professionals Dancy jumped at the chance to work alongside.

The movie is based on Sophie Kinsella's bestselling novel of the same name about journalist Rebecca Bloomwood's (Fisher) struggle to keep her credit cards in her wallet.

Movie **feature**

His latest finished project, an independent film titled Adam which recently screened at the Sundance Independent Film Festival, is slated to be released later this year.

Where in Shopaholic he plays your basic, cute and funny romantic lead, his character in Adam is a whole different story. It's a simple love story between a man and a woman living in a Manhattan apartment building who become involved.

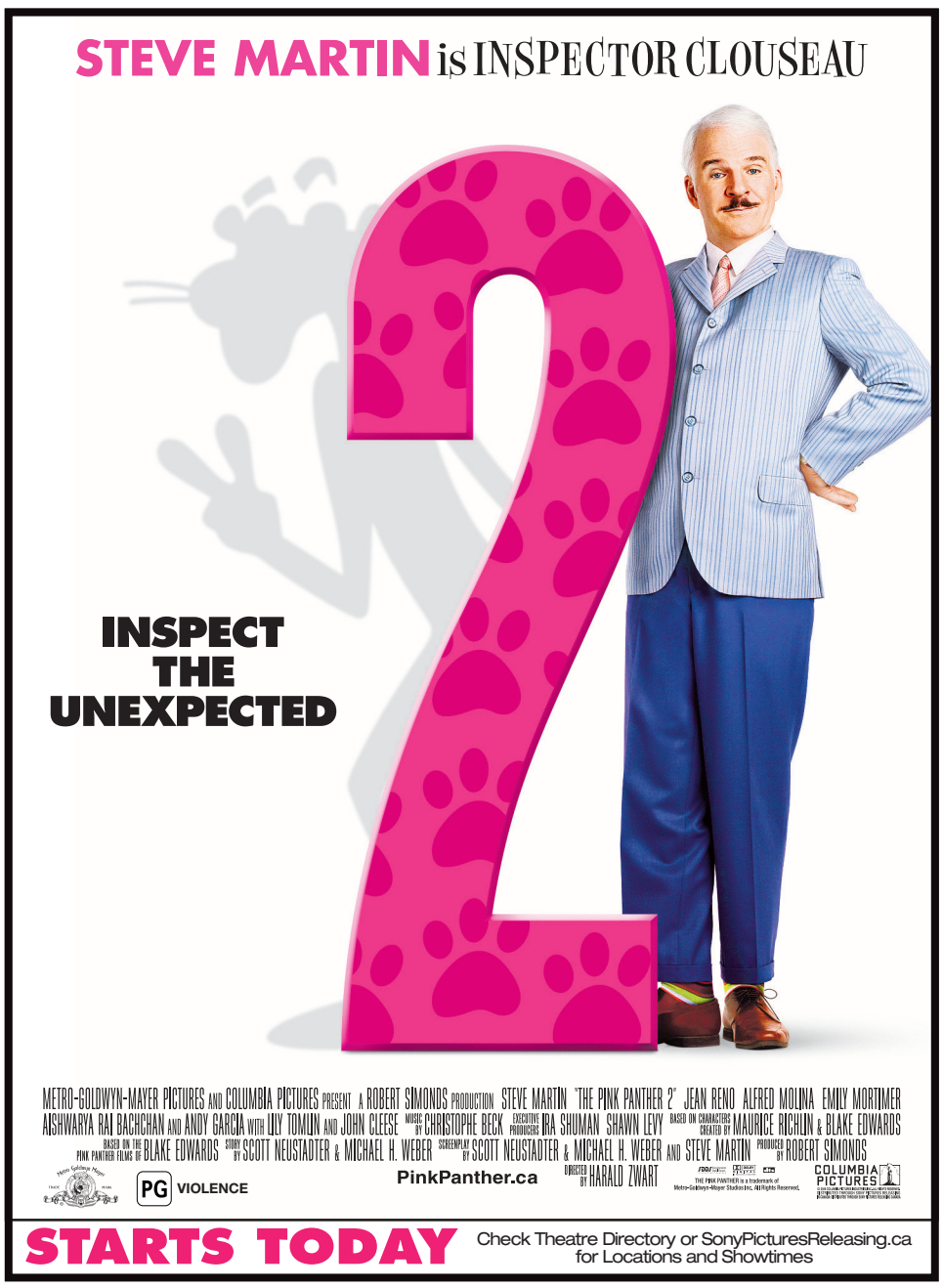
But it's complicated by the fact his character, Adam, has Asperger's syndrome, a form of autism.

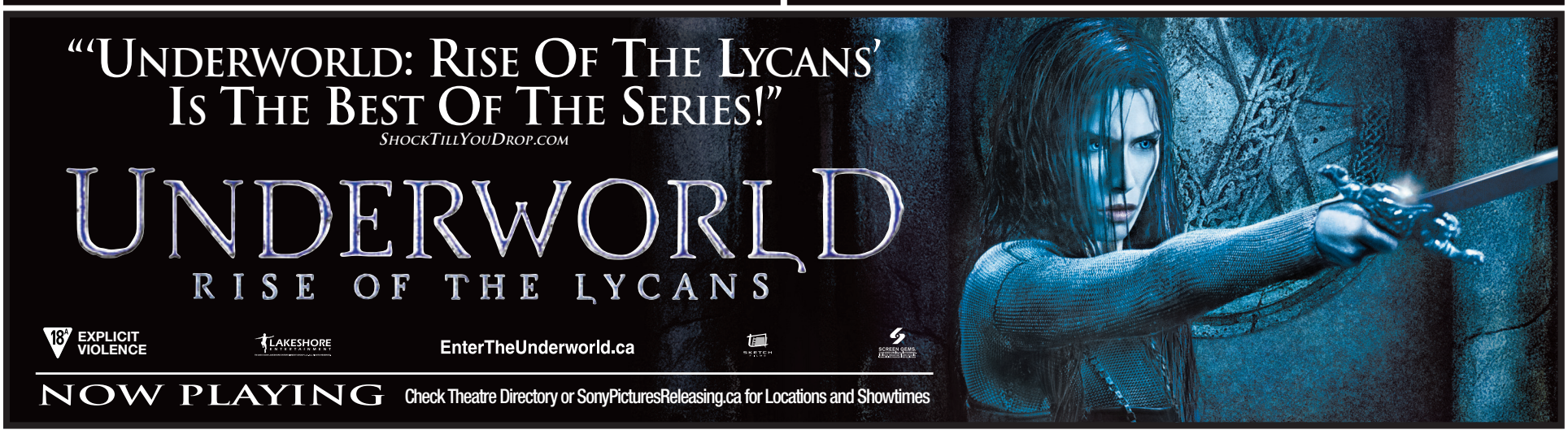
He's obviously proud of the film but didn't want to get too far ahead of himself and talk nominations or awards ceremonies.

"You have no idea with any movie, as you put it together, you can only go on your own tastes and hope it resonates with other people," he said.

• Confessions of a Shopaholic opens in theatres across Canada next Friday.

British actor Hugh Dancy stars alongside Isla Fisher in Confessions of a Shopaholic.





Spielberg to guest edit Empire mag
Director Steven Spielberg will guest edit Empire magazin's 20th Anniversary issue, on sale April 23. The movie magazine says Spielberg has already taken a hands-on role in commissioning the contents for the issue. **EMPIREONLINE.COM**

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World of thrills

Cities play big part in International

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Movie **feature**

There isn't much that can upstage an actor like Clive Owen. After all, the English star has stolen scenes from the likes of Denzel Washington and Michael Caine; but in his latest movie, it may be the location of a pivotal scene that's getting all the attention.

Directed by Tom Tykwer (Run Lola Run), The International — in theatres next Friday — stars Owen as Interpol agent Louis Salinger, a man obsessed with taking down a notorious multinational bank that deals in financing terror.

The crusade not only puts his life at risk, it takes him from Berlin to Milan to Istanbul. But of all the exotic countries where the film is set — the scene that truly stands out is a shoot-out at the Guggenheim Museum in Manhattan.

"I think its one of the most brilliantly realized scenes I've ever been involved in," said Owen during a recent interview. "The fear I suppose, is that when you're doing a huge shoot-out like that, that you want it in keeping with the rest of the film which is very believable."

That may have been harder than you realize. After all, although Owen and company actually shot in Istanbul's Grand Bazaar amongst thousands of actual market-goers, the Guggenheim was reconstructed as a set in Germany.

"(Tom) did a brilliant job in making it wildly entertaining but also you completely buy it — the scene is in keeping with the rest of the film."

The movie did shoot in other areas of New York however, truly making it an international thriller. Not only are the Manhattan scenes the movie's most enduring for audiences, but as it turns out, the Big Apple may be Owen's favorite locale as well.

Naomi Watts and Cilve Owen star in The International.

"New York is hugely exciting because it attracts interesting people from all over the world and it's always got a very amazing, particular energy," said the London resident. "I've spent a long time (there), I've shot whole movies (there) and I never ever get bored of coming back. It's an amazing city."

Steve Martin returns as the bumbling French cop Jacques Clouseau in the comedy The Pink Panther 2.

Pink Panther 2 gives comedy a bad name

The Pink **Panther 2**

Director: Harald Zwart
Stars: Steve Martin, Alfred Molina
Classification: PG
Rating: 🌐

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Listen carefully. Don't make a sound. Do you hear that? Do you know what that is? It's Peter Sellers spinning in his grave. The reason for his posthumous pole dance? The Pink Panther 2.

It wasn't bad enough that Steve Martin and his crew of pedestrian ghouls raided Sellers' legacy for 2006's offensively flat remake of the original 1964 Sellers/Blake Edwards masterpiece, but now they've gone and sequelized that stinker. The resulting non-comedy gives slapstick a bad name and makes the first effort seem like vintage Chaplin by comparison.

Martin returns as bumbling Parisian police inspector Jacques Clouseau, still running afoul of his bitter boss Chief Dreyfus (the great John Cleese in fine caustic form but nowhere near the presence Herbert Lom was) and still guarding the priceless Pink Panther diamond.

When international über thief El Tornado rears his head and the panther goes missing once more, Clouseau is teamed with a gang of international inspectors (the likes of which include a very embarrassed Alfred Molina and Andy Garcia) to solve the case. Much mugging but precious little hilarity ensues.

Martin is one of the great comic actors, but his blanched, smarmy turn as Clouseau won't make anyone forget Sellers anytime soon.

Director Harald Zwart (Agent Cody Banks) also fails to do what Edwards so deftly accomplished in his pictures; that is to fully exploit the inherent glamour of the Paris backdrop.

Supernatural star steps into Jason's aim

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

FEATURE Jared Padalecki may be starring in the new big-screen version of Friday the 13th, but the lead actor behind TV's Supernatural had no grand illusions about it during a recent interview in Los Angeles.

"I'm not fooling myself; people aren't coming to see me, they're coming to see Jason," admitted the actor regarding cinema's famous killer.

"I think there's something great about the mystery behind the mask and our Jason, Derek Mears, just the physical presence that he is."

There's no doubt about that. At six-foot-five, Mears is a looming gentleman, complete with a powerful build and shaved head. His presence even proceeds the stuntman-turned-actor as made evident by the rousing reception his name garnered when it appeared on-screen during a preview showing in Hollywood.

"I have a lot of friends in the industry," the modest actor said, but in truth, Mears has been thrust into the public spotlight (thanks to the Internet) ever since he got cast as the infamous hockey-masked murderer.

His quick rise to fame is shocking, especially since the film doesn't hit theatres until next Friday … Friday the 13th in case you didn't know.

"(I get recognized) all the time," admitted Mears.

As Jason, Mears stars as the grown-up version of the boy-turned-vengeful psychotic who, after the murder of his mother, began to take his bloodlust out on unsuspecting (and often topless) campers. It's an especially violent reimagining of the original series, which began in 1980 and became the horror genre's most successful franchise.

Screen Times

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Pulse: A Stomp Odyssey (STC) Sat-Thu 5
Roving Mars (G) Fri-Thu 12-2-4 Fri-Sat 8:30

CN IMAX THEATRE
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The Dark Knight: The IMAX Experience (14A) Fri-Sun 2-8 Mon 2 Tue-Thu 2-8
Space Station 3D (G) Fri-Sun 1-6 Mon 1 Tue-Thu 1-6
Wild Ocean (G) Fri 12-7 Sat-Sun 12-5-7 Mon 12 Tue-Thu 12-7

DUNBAR THEATRE
4555 Dunbar Street, 604-222-2991

The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri 7-8:55 Sat-Sun 1:45-4-7-8:55 Mon-Thu 7-8:55

FIFTH AVENUE CINEMAS
2110 Burrard Street, 604-734-7469

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Milk (PG) Fri-Thu 1:55-3:55-6:40-9:20
The Reader (18A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:20-7:10-9:40
Revolutionary Road (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:30-7:20-9:45
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-7-9:30

GRANVILLE
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Defiance (14A) Fri 6:45-9:40 Sat-Sun 3:50-6:45-9:40 Mon-Tue 6:45-9:40 Wed 9:40 Thu 6:45-9:40
Frost/Nixon (PG) Fri 6:50-9:30 Sat-Sun 1-4-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:30
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri 7:10 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:10-7:10 Mon-Thu 7:10
Marley & Me (G) Sat-Sun 1:10
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Notorious (18A) Fri-Thu 9:20
Rachel Getting Married (PG) Fri 7:15 Sat-Sun 1:15-7:15 Mon-Thu 7:15
Twilight (PG) Fri-Thu 9:35
Valkyrie (PG) Fri 9:50 Sat-Sun 4:05-9:50 Mon-Thu 9:50
Yes Man (PG) Fri 7:05-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:15-7:05-9:25 Mon-Thu 7:05-9:25

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Beverly Hills Chihuahua (G) Sat-Sun 1:30
Body of Lies (18A) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 3:10-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30
RocknRolla (14A) Fri-Thu 9:45

OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

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Merry Christmas Mr. Lawrence (STC) Thu 7:15
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Three Resurrected Drunkards (STC) Thu 9:35

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The Debt (STC) A.M. Sun 10
Welcome to the Sticks (PG) Fri 4-7-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:15

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The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri-Sat 2:30-6-9:15 Sun-Thu 4-7:30

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Eraserhead (STC) Sun 12
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri 7-9:40 Sat 4:15-7-9:40 Sun-Thu 7-9:40
I Spit on Your Grave (STC) Sat
El Topo (STC) Sun

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Revolutionary Road (14A) Fri 12:50-3:40-6:50-9:40 Sat 3:40-6:45-9:40 Sun-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:50-9:40
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He's Just Not That Into You (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:15-10:15
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1181 Seymour Street, 604-683-Film

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2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313

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Milk (PG) Fri 9:25 Sat-Sun 4:30-9:25 Mon-Thu 9:25

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Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-4:05-7:05-10:10
Taken (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7:15-10
Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (18A) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:45-7:20-9:45
The Uninvited (14A) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:35-7:50-10:25
The Wrestler (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:35-10:20

BURNABY

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri 6:45-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:15-4-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:30
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri 6:30-8:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-6:30-8:30 Mon-Thu 6:30-8:30

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

Bride Wars (G) Fri 1:05-4:05-7:25-10:05 Sat 4:05-7:25-10:05 Sun 1:05-4:05-7:25-10:05 Mon 1:05-4:05-10:05 Tue-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:25-10:05
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-4-7:45
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:45-6:50-10
Inkheart (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-4:10-6:55-9:45
The Metropolitan Opera: Lucia di Lammermoor (Donizetti) (STC) Sat 10
My Bloody Valentine 3D (18A) Fri-Thu 1-3:40-7:10-9:50
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:50-6:45-9:40
Push (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:55
Taken (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:15-7:35-10:15
Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (18A) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:55-7:30-10:10
The Uninvited (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:15-7:05-10:15

STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

Bedtime Stories (G) Sat-Sun 2:15
Coraline (PG) Fri 4:35-7:05-9:40 Sat 1:50-4:35-7:05-9:40 Sun 1:50-4:35-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:05
Defiance (14A) Fri-Sat 7-9:45 Sun-Thu 7
Gran Torino (14A) Fri 4:45-7:15-9:55 Sat 2:05-4:45-7:15-9:55 Sun 2:05-4:45-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:15
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri 4:40-7:10-10 Sat 2-4:40-7:10-10 Sun 2-4:40-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:10
Marley & Me (G) Fri 4:30 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:30 Mon-Thu 4:30
New in Town (PG) Fri-Sat 5-7:30-10:05 Sun-Thu 5-7:30
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri 4:55-7:25-10:10 Sat 2:25-4:55-7:25-10:10 Sun 2:25-4:55-7:25 Mon-Thu 4:55-7:25
Twilight (PG) Fri 4:50-7:20-9:50 Sat 2:10-4:50-7:20-9:50 Sun 2:10-4:50-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:20

NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

Bedtime Stories (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45
Bride Wars (G) Fri 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 Sat 4:20-7:20-10:20 Sun-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20
Coraline 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:35-7:05-9:40
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-4:20-8:10
Defiance (14A) Fri-Thu 6:35-10:05
Doubt (G) Fri-Thu 1:25
Gran Torino (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri-Tue 12:15-3:45-7-10:10 Wed 3:45-7-10:10 Thu 12:15-3:45-7-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:35-6:40-9:40
Inkheart (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10
Marley & Me (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30
The Metropolitan Opera: Lucia di Lammermoor (Donizetti) (STC) Sat 10
New in Town (PG) Fri-Thu 4:05-6:50-9:45
Notorious (18A) Fri-Thu 9:30
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:15
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25-2:55-5:15-7:35-10
Push (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:25-7:25-10:20
The Reader (18A) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:20-6:20-9:20
Revolutionary Road (14A) Fri-Tue 12:55-3:55-6:55-9:55 Wed 3:55-6:55-9:55 Thu 12:55-3:55-6:55-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:45
Taken (14A) Fri-Thu 10:50 Fri-Thu 12:20-2:50-5:15-7:50
Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (18A) Fri-Thu 1:25-3:55-6:45-9:35
The Uninvited (14A) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:45-7:35-10:45
The Wrestler (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:45-10:40

SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

CLOVA
5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

Bedtime Stories (G) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1:30-7 Mon-Thu 7
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri-Thu 8:55

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

Bolt (G) Fri 4:30 Sat-Sun 2:20-4:30 Mon-Thu 4:30
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri-Thu 4:30-7:40
Frost/Nixon (PG) Fri-Thu 7
Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Sat-Sun 12-2:30
The Tale of Despereaux (G) Sat-Sun 2:45
Twilight (PG) Fri 6:40 Sat-Sun 12-6:40 Mon-Thu 6:40
Valkyrie (PG) Fri-Thu 8:55
Yes Man (PG) Fri 4:50-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:30-4:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 4:50-9:20

STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey, 604-501-9400

Chandni Chowk to China (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45
Gran Torino (14A) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:35-6:50-9:35
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri-Tue 12:50-3:55-7:05-10:10 Wed 3:55-7:05-10:10 Thu 12:50-3:55-7:05-10:10 Star & Strollers Wed 1
Inkheart (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:05-6:45-9:30
Luck By Chance (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri-Thu 4-7-10
New in Town (PG) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:15-7:25-9:45
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:40-7:35-9:55
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Tue 1:40-4:30-7:40-10:15 Wed 4:30-7:40-10:15 Thu 1:40-4:30-7:40-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
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Taken (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:15-9:40
Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (18A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:25-6:55-9:25
The Uninvited (14A) Fri-Thu 1:25-3:45-7:30-9:50

STUDIO 12 GUILDFORD
15051-101st Ave, Surrey, 604-581-1176

Bride Wars (G) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:20-3:50
Coraline 3D (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:45-4:20-6:55-9:30
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 9
Friday the 13th (18A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Thu 11:59
Gran Torino (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:15-4:05-7:05-9:55
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1-4-7-10
Hotel for Dogs (G) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:35-4:30-6:50
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:15-9:40
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-6:45-9:15
Push (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:05-3:55-7:20-10:05
Revolutionary Road (14A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 6:40-9:35
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10
Taken (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:40-4:35-7:25-9:45
Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:55-4:40-7:35-10:15
The Uninvited (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:50-4:45-7:30-9:50

RIALTO
1732-152nd Street, White Rock, 604-541-9527, criteriontheatres.com

He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri 7-9:20 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 7-9:20
Milk (PG) Fri 7:10-9:30 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9:30 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:30

CRITERION 4 WHITE ROCK
2381 King George Highway, 604-531-7456, criteriontheatres.com

Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 7:20-9:20 Sat-Sun 2:20-7:20-9:20 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:20
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri 7:10-9:15 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9:15 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:15
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 7-9:25 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:25 Mon-Thu 7-9:25
Taken (14A) Fri 7:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 2:30-7:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 7:30-9:30

The top pop albums, according to Billboard Magazine
1. Working On A Dream, Bruce Springsteen; **2.** Fearless, Taylor Swift, right; **3.** I AM...SASHA FIERCE, Beyoncé; **4.** Dark Horse, Nickelback; **5.** 808s and Heartbreak, Kanye West. REUTERS

Music

Rankin Family reunion

BRIAN TOWIE
Metro Canada

The Rankin Family knew all about the audacity of hope long before U.S. President Barack Obama came along.

The latest release from the Cape Breton-based family act, titled These Are The Moments, espouses weathering storms with optimism, pitting six new original tracks with the Juno and East Coast Music Award winners' lilting Celtic approach (among them Hopeville and single Breathe Dream Pray Love) alongside remixed classics such as Fare Thee Well Love.

The timeliness of the release was unintentional, say Raylene and Jimmy Rankin, adding plans for the disc were in the works long before 2009's zeitgeist was associated with hope and change amidst tough times.

These Are The Moments, the latest album from The Rankin Family, was released this week.

"We took inspiration from Fare Thee Well Love and Rise Again and made an album that extended that," says Raylene. "Songs that were about hope and living in the moment and not looking back with regret ... And oddly enough, we started working on this album a good while before all this worldly turmoil had come to the fore. I think this album is very timely."

The family knows of what they speak. The Rankin Family's successes have been accented by tragedy.

In early 2000, less than a year after the band members announced they would go their separate ways after a decade in the public eye, brother John Morris Rankin died in a car accident in Cape Breton.

After losing the band patriarch, the Rankins wouldn't tour or record together until late 2006, when they released Reunion and successfully toured. But early 2007 brought another loss, when sister and group co-founder Geraldine, who had not been part of the regular lineup, died of a brain aneurysm.

"It was awful at the time," recalls Jimmy of his brother's death.

But brighter days bring new faces. John Morris' daughter Molly will join the Rankin roster for selected dates on their current cross-country tour — the beginning, one might speculate, of a new generation of Rankins.

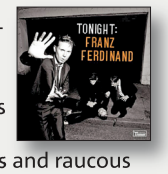
In concert

- The Rankin Family play the River Rock Show Theatre in Richmond Friday and Saturday.

Read our review of The Ranking Family's new album at metronews.ca

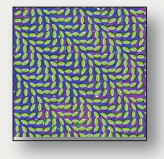
Metro recommends

- **FRANZ FERDINAND, TONIGHT:** Dance-rockers blend guitar-driven grooves with nasty synthesizers and raucous disco rhythms.



- **CUT OFF YOUR HANDS, YOU AND I:** Poignant power pop soars with propulsive beats and haunting harmonies.

- **ANIMAL COLLECTIVE, MERRIWEATHER POST PAVILION:** Psychedelic indie rock opus with intricate layers and interweaving vocals.



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TOP 10 MOBILE DOWNLOADS
1 Poker Face Lady Gaga
2 Live Your Life T.I. ft. Rihanna
3 Right Now Akon
4 Whatever You Like T.I.
5 Let It Rock Kevin Rudolf
6 Hot N Cold Katy Perry
7 I'm So Paid Akon
8 My Life The Game
9 Womanizer Britney Spears
10 Sex On Fire Kings Of Leon
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Into The Wild's Canadian connection

SoundCheck

Alan Cross
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Eddie Vedder is in a great mood. A few hours earlier, Barack Obama had been sworn in as the 44th president of the United States and Eddie was elated. Ebullient. Euphoric. Effervescently, er, chatty.

Although we were going to talk about the upcoming reissue of Pearl Jam's Ten album (due March 24), which we did, eventually, we both got a little sidetracked on a matter of Canadiana.

A big mystery has been how Eddie came to cover Hard Sun by Indio, a now-obscure Canadian artist who has been AWOL for the better part of 20 years. Although the song still occasionally gets played on Canadian radio, Big Harvest, the album from whence it came, was deleted years ago. It's now one of those Holy Grail collectibles for a certain type of Canadian rock fan.

GETTY IMAGES FILE

Pearl Jam frontman Eddie Vedder covered the song Hard Sun by Canadian artist Indio on the Into the Wild soundtrack.

Then suddenly, it shows up in a Sean Penn movie being sung by the Pearl Jam frontman. So, how did that happen?

CROSS: How did you come across the song Hard Sun for the Into the Wild soundtrack?

VEDDER: The Canadian connection! When Sean (Penn, the director) first showed me the movie, it was in the film. To be honest, for me, it was the first time I'd ever heard it. But it felt like I had heard it. I couldn't tell if it was from the late '60s or mid-'70s. It had this kind of timeless thing about it.

CROSS: Sean Penn found the song?

VEDDER: Sean, at one point, knew Gordon (Peterson, the person behind Indio) or had been in contact with him or had friends who were friends of his. And Sean has really good, really eclectic musical tastes. He can quote Phil Ochs at the drop of a hat or recite a 12-minute Bob Dylan song. I think he knew this fellow, Gordon, and loved this song.

I wrote something for this part of the film (the soundtrack for Into the Wild is essentially an Eddie Vedder solo record) and he said "I think that's good, but I think we need to go with Hard Sun." And I thought, "Great. That's less work for me to do. And then he said, "No, no. YOUR version of it."

I tried to be really true to his delivery. It's a great, great song. But I've not met (Peterson) or talked to him. I hope he liked it.

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New faces on Dancing With The Stars

Denise Richards and Jackass star Steve-O are set to appear on Dancing With The Stars, according to femalefirst.co.uk. They are believed to be joining legendary singer Stevie Wonder in the line-up. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Going Out

Mix of Six

HOT & HAPPENING WEEKEND EVENTS AROUND THE CITY
For more great events around the city, visit: **metronews.ca/entertainment**

Art of Murder

When: Fri.-Sun. 8 p.m.
Where: Gateway Theatre, Richmond

Jack is an artist whose value only goes up in the event of his death — or so it's believed by his agent and wife, who are plotting his ultimate demise. It's a whodunit mystery that will have you guessing until the end. Tix: Adult $33/$37. Info: gatewaytheatre.com

Game Design Expo 2009

When: Feb. 7 and 8
Where: Vancity Theatre, Vancouver Film School

For game industry professionals, students of game design and those passionate about games. While the open house on Sunday allows people to see inside the acclaimed one-year program, meet faculty and play student-created games.

ISO World Figure Skating Championships

When: Feb. 4-8
Where: Pacific Coliseum,

See Olympic hopefuls from around the world compete for top position at this year's championships. Tix: (Feb 4-7) $27.50/$37.50 (Feb 8) $37.50/$47.50

Winterfest 2009

When: Feb. 7, 12-10 p.m.
Where: Central City Plaza, Surrey

Enjoy activities fun for the whole family. Activities include a Toboggan Zone, Winter Games tent, an outside skating rink, Kids Craft Zone, and food vendors. Check out performances by former Canadian Idol winner Eva Avila, Faber Drive and Thornley. Price: Free!

The Rankin Family

When: Feb. 6 & 7, 8 p.m.
Where: River Rock Casino, Richmond

This tour will featuring their classic hits along with new material from their new CD "These Are The Moments". Tix: $59.50/$69.50 ticketmaster.ca

Versus The Nothing

When: Feb 6, Doors 6:45 p.m.
Where: The Bourbon

Listen to CFox Seed winners Versus the Nothing while grabbing a drink and catching up with friends. The show also features The Golden Mean and Mad Shadow. Tix: $12 at the door, or $10 with flyer.

FRIDAY

VA	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 2/6/09	251	308	3	CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	Just for Laughs (N) (CC)		CBC News: The National (N)		(:05) The Hour
	255	358	6	JOY	E News	The Insider	L.A. BAFTAS (CC)		Jennifer Aniston (CC)		20/20 (CC)		News (N)
	250	321	9	CTV	etalk (CC)	Hollywood	Ghost Whisperer "Slow Burn"		Flashpoint (CC)		Raising the Bar (N) (CC)		News (N)
	252	336	11	GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	Howie Do It	Howie Do It	Friday Night Lights (N) (CC)		NUMB3RS "Sneakerhead" (N)		News (N)
	256	389	12	VI	Instant Star	TMZ (N) (CC)	Wife Swap "Jones/Martinson"		Supernanny "Costello Family"		Stargate SG-1 "Dominion"		News (CC)
	253	359	13	CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Mantracker	Mantracker	Survivorman (CC)		Crusoe (CC)		EP Daily
	-	-	14	CW	Deal-No Deal	Deal-No Deal	Hates Chris	The Game	13: Fear Is Real (N) (CC)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15	CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Ghost Whisperer "Slow Burn"		Flashpoint (CC)		NUMB3RS "Sneakerhead" (N)		News (N)
	287	379	16	NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	Howie Do It	Howie Do It	Friday Night Lights (N) (CC)		Dateline NBC (CC)		News (N)
	288	380	21	ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Wife Swap "Jones/Martinson"		Supernanny "Costello Family"		20/20 (CC)		KOMO 4 News
	290	382	23	FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Cops (N) (PA)	Cops (CC)	America's Most Wanted		News (N)	Most Wanted	Family Guy
news	502	390	26	NW	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National		CBC News: the fifth estate		National
	500	500	33	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
sports	407	419	22	RSP	Canucks TV	OHL Hockey Windsor Spitfires at London Knights. (Same-day Tape)					Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30	TSN	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)			Off the Record	Boxing Friday Night Fights. (Same-day Tape) (CC)				SportsCentre
family	552	543	25	YTV	iCarly Carly, Sam and Freddie travel to Japan.		iCarly (CC)		Falcon Beach "Local Heroes"		Ghost	Mystery Hnt.	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50	TEL	Totally Spies	Total Drama	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	Heavy Metal 2000 ★★ (2000) Voices of Julie Strain, Billy Idol.			
variety	268	354	5	KNO	Arctic Mission: Climate		Poirot "Triangle at Rhodes"		Dalziel and Pascoe (N) (CC)		A War Story POW Ben Wheeler. (N) (CC)		
	575	583	20	CMT	A Face to Kill For ★★ (1999, Suspense) Crystal Bernard, Doug Savant.				Candid C.		A Face to Kill For ★★ (1999) Doug Savant		
	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami "Broken Home"		Criminal Minds "Revelations"		CSI: Miami "No Man's Land"		CSI: Miami "Man Down"		CSI: Miami
	521	560	34	TLC	Mother Knows Sex (CC)		What Not to Wear "Carla"		Mother Knows Sex (CC)		What Not to Wear "Sheaffer"		Real Simple
	616	522	39	SHO	The Outer Limits "Skin Deep"		Da Vinci's Inquest "His Wife"		Testees (CC)	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams	Sin Cities	Wife Swap
	294	650	47	TBS	(6:00) Mr. Deeds ★ (2002)		10 Items-Less	Sex and-City	Sex and-City		(:40) The Wedding Date ★★ (2005)		(:10) Hardball
	603	561	52	FN	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Challenge (CC)		Kylie Kwong	Gourmets	Diner, Drive-In
	320	621	60	CEN	(6:20) Walk All Over Me (2007)		Semi-Pro ★★ (2008) Will Ferrell. Premiere.				(:45) Vantage Point ★★ (2008) Dennis Quaid.		28 Weeks
	581	566	101	MTV	Double Shot	The City	City Live After	Girls-Latitude	Bromance (CC)		The City	The City	Made (CC)

SATURDAY

VA	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 2/7/09	251	308	3	CBC	NHL Hockey Chicago Blackhawks at Vancouver Canucks. (Live) (CC)					HNIC -- After Hours		News (CC)	HNIC Replay
	255	358	6	JOY	Chef School	E News	Past Tense (2006, Suspense) Paula Trickey. (CC)				Show Yours	G-Spot (CC)	News (CC)
	250	321	9	CTV	W-FIVE (CC) (DVS)		Cold Case "Family 8101"		Flashpoint (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		News (N)
	252	336	11	GTV	Stolen-Sisters		Masterminds	Masterminds	Embracing Da Kink (CC)		Go Deep Treasure hunters.		News (N)
	256	389	12	VI	New Canoe	Island Week	The Road to Avonlea		Kool Countdown (CC)		Comedy Now Daryl Makk.		Bravo! Fact
	253	359	13	CITY	Without a Trace (CC)		Less-Kind	Kaya (CC)	Demons From Her Past (2007) Alexandra Paul. (CC)				Role
	-	-	14	CW	CSI: NY (CC)		Boston Legal (CC)		Boston Legal "Guise 'n Dolls"		CSI: NY "All Access" (CC)		CSI: Miami
	289	381	15	CBS	Entertainment Tonight (N)		Cold Case "Family 8101"		NCIS "About Face" (CC)		48 Hours Mystery (CC)		News (N)
	287	379	16	NBC	Backroads	Inside Edition	Heroes (CC)		Law & Order "Falling" (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		News (N)
	288	380	21	ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	Grey's Anatomy (CC)		Private Practice "Acceptance"		Desperate Housewives (CC)		KOMO 4 News
	290	382	23	FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Raymond	According-Jim	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	News (N)	Most Wanted	Talkshow
news	502	390	26	NW	Doc Zone (CC)		Sat. Report	Fortune	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	Doc Zone (CC)		Sat. Report
	500	500	33	CNN	D.L. Hughley-News		Newsroom		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley-News		Newsroom
sports	407	419	22	RSP	English Premier League Soccer Teams TBA. (Same-day Tape)				The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		PartyPoker.net
	400	400	30	TSN	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)			NFL Films	Premier League Poker II (Taped) (CC)				SportsCentre
family	552	543	25	YTV	Team Galaxy	Team Galaxy	Zixx Level	Storm Hawks	Naruto (CC)	Bleach (CC)	Ghost	Ghost	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50	TEL	Jack Frost ★★ (1998) Michael Keaton, Kelly Preston. (CC)				Chicken	Futurama	Clone High	Gay Couple	Moral Orel
variety	268	354	5	KNO	Planet Carnivore "King Bear"		Heartbeat "Missing Persons"		Midsomer Murders A photographer is found dead. (N) (CC)				Montreal Jazz
	575	583	20	CMT	Crossroads		Grand Ole Opry Live		Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Crossroads		Ed (CC)
	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami "Inside Out"		The Beast "Infected" (CC)		CSI: Miami "Dangerous Son"		CSI: Miami "Cyber-lebrity"		CSI: Miami
	521	560	34	TLC	Real Estate	Deals on Bus	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	My First Home	My First Home	Real Estate	Deals on Bus	17 Kids-Count
	616	522	39	SHO	Mutant X (CC)		Ties That Bind (2006) Nicole de Boer, Brian Krause.				50 First Dates ★★ (2004) Adam Sandler.		
	294	650	47	TBS	(6:15) Wedding Crashers ★★★ (2005) (CC)		(:45) The Ringer ★★ (2005, Comedy) Johnny Knoxville. (CC)					(:45) Zathura ★★★ (2005)	
	603	561	52	FN	Hell's Kitchen (CC)		The F Word		Challenge "Popcorn Giants"		Top Chef "Le Bernardin"		Hell's Kitchen
	320	621	60	CEN	Pirates Who Don't		Be Kind Rewind ★★ (2008) Jack Black. (CC)			(:45) The Mist ★★ (2007, Horror) Thomas Jane. (CC)			
	581	566	101	MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	MTV Live	MTV News	After

SUNDAY

VA	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 2/8/09	251	308	3	CBC	Heartland "Seismic Shifts" (N)		Figure Skating ISU Four Continents Championships -- Gala.				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		News (CC)
	255	358	6	JOY	51st Grammy Awards		Extreme Makeover: Home		XIII (2009, Suspense) (Part 1 of 2) Val Kilmer. Premiere. (CC)				News (CC)
	250	321	9	CTV	Star Wars Clo.	Degrassi: TNG	To Be Announced		Desperate Housewives (N)		(:01) The Mentalist (N) (CC)		News (N)
	252	336	11	GTV	ET Canada-Grammy		The 51st Annual Grammy Awards (Same-day Tape) (CC)						
	256	389	12	VI	Funniest Home Videos		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Medium (CC)		New Canoe
	253	359	13	CITY	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Rain Man ★★★★ (1988, Comedy-Drama) Dustin Hoffman, Tom Cruise, Valeria Golino. (CC)						Role
	-	-	14	CW	Jericho "Vox Populi" (CC)		Teen Wolf ★★ (1985) Michael J. Fox, James Hampton. (CC)				Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
	289	381	15	CBS	60 Minutes (N) (CC)		The 51st Annual Grammy Awards (Same-day Tape) (CC)						
	287	379	16	NBC	Talking With Teens		Dateline NBC (CC)		XIII (2009, Suspense) (Part 1 of 2) Val Kilmer. Premiere. (CC)				News (N)
	288	380	21	ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives (N)		(:01) Brothers & Sisters (N)		KOMO 4 News
	290	382	23	FOX	Hole in the Wall (N) (CC)		The Simpsons	King of Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)	Q It Up Sports	House (CC)
news	502	390	26	NW	Japan: A Story of Love & Hate (N) (CC)			Our World	CBC News: Sunday Night		Japan: A Story of Love & Hate (CC)		
	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		D.L. Hughley-News		Larry King Live		Newsroom		D.L. Hughley
sports	407	419	22	RSP	Forever Faithful (2008, Documentary)				Canucks TV		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30	TSN	Curling	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)			Premier League Poker II (Taped) (CC)				SportsCentre
family	552	543	25	YTV	(6:00) The Princess Bride (CC)		SpongeBob	Prank Patrol	The Next Star (CC)		Adrenaline	Zixx Level	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50	TEL	Totally Spies	Totally Spies	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	Punch (CC)	Life's a Zoo	Life's a Zoo	Gay Couple
variety	268	354	5	KNO	National Geographic (CC)		Doc Martin (CC)		Rebus "The Black Book" (N)		Dalziel and Pascoe		Montreal Jazz
	575	583	20	CMT	Three Chords	Three Chords	Cheerleader Nation		Cheerleaders	Cheerleaders	Three Chords	Three Chords	Cheerleader
	615	520	31	A&E	The Sopranos (CC)		The Sopranos (CC)		CSI: Miami "All In" (CC)		CSI: Miami (CC)		The Sopranos
	521	560	34	TLC	The Woman With Giant Legs		Pregnant Man (CC)		Mermaid Girl (CC)		The Woman With Giant Legs		Pregnant
	616	522	39	SHO	The Guard "Live Free" (CC)		Lost Behind Bars (2006) Paget Brewster, Antonio Cupo.				Damages "Hey! Mr. Pibb!" (N)		The Guard
	294	650	47	TBS	(6:45) Fun With Dick & Jane ★★ (2005) (CC)			(:45) Kicking & Screaming ★★ (2005) Will Ferrell. (CC)				(:45) Head of State ★★ (CC)	
	603	561	52	FN	The Next Food Network Star		The Heat	The Heat	Challenge (CC)		Iron Chef America (CC)		Next Star
	320	621	60	CEN	(6:25) Bee Movie ★★ (2007)		Three Chords	Three Chords	Shoot 'Em Up ★★ (2007) Clive Owen. (CC)			Mr. Woodcock ★★ (2007)	
	581	566	101	MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	After	Girls-Latitude	Made "Ballroom Dancer"		Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	City Live After

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot

1 He's Just Not That Into You

FILM Smells like a girls' night out. The bestselling self-help book gets the silver screen treatment, with a host of Hollywood A-listers (Scarlett Johansson, Ben Affleck among them) on board. Box-office gold and female fandom seem inevitable.

2 Google Latitude

APPLICATION Want to know where your kids are? The Internet giant's new software released this week will enable people with mobile phones and other wireless devices to automatically share their whereabouts with family and friends.

3 Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist

DVD Although this New York romance is aimed squarely at the teen set, the smart dialogue and smarter soundtrack make it a perfect Valentine's Day rental for everyone. Superbad star Michael Cera and indie-darling Kat Dennings play the title characters.

4 Grammy Awards

TV North American music industry's biggest night features Coldplay and Lil Wayne among performers and nominees this year. Nods for Radiohead's download miracle In Rainbows add a little hipster gloss to the whole affair. Airs Sunday on Global at 8 p.m. ET.

5 Christian Bale's rant remix

VIDEO Here's a formula for a YouTube hit: Mix trashy techno with celebrity F-bombs. Los Angeles knob-twiddler RevoLucian did just that with the recently leaked tape of Christian Dark Knight Bale's on-set meltdown. The ensuing result is as viral as they get.

6 Fendi's Peek-A-Boo handbag

FASHION The Italian fashion house unzipped this must-have accessory in Miami and wowed style pundits. Versions seen so far: tan leather with a python interior, and black suede with netting on the outside. The bags will be available in the U.S. next month.

7 Erykah Badu's childbirth blog

BLOG The American singer gave birth to a baby girl last weekend and Twittered the whole experience. While many artists have begun using the social-networking site to make announcements about their careers, Badu might be the first on record to use it to chronicle a birth.

Archuleta will sing at NFL Pro Bowl

David Archuleta is the latest American Idol alum to show off his patriotic chops when he sings the National Anthem at the NFL Pro Bowl on Sunday. "(It'll) be my first time in Hawaii! Woot woot!" the 18-year-old blogs on his MySpace page. **PEOPLE.COM**

Entertainment

Saget's Suburbia finds home on ABC

TELEVISION ABC has picked up the Bob Saget-starring comedy Surviving Suburbia and scheduled the series to run after Dancing With the Stars in April.

Suburbia originally was planned as a mid-season addition to the CW's Sunday night block. When the CW elected to pull the low-rated block from its line-up, producers continued shooting in hopes of attracting another buyer.

The collapse of the CW block turned out to be a blessing in disguise. ABC quickly stepped in and rescued the show, giving it a significant promotion. The move brings Bob Saget back to the network after playing a suburban dad for nearly a decade on Full House (1987-95).

Bob Saget will play a cynical suburban dad in a new ABC comedy.

Surburbia is about a couple who have been married for 20 years and have two children and a cookie-cutter house in the idyllic suburbs, but with Saget's character maintaining a cynical point of view.

"People will see (Bob Saget) in a very different way from America's Funniest Home Videos and Full House."
Michael Hanel, Surviving Suburbia executive producer

Executive producer Michael Hanel said Saget's character is midway between the actor's wholesome image from Full House and his lurid standup.

"People will see him in a very different way from America's Funniest Home Videos and Full House," Hanel said.

The series will premiere April 6 at 9:30 p.m. behind Dancing With The Stars, filling the slot vacated by Samantha Who now that the Christina Applegate comedy is moving to Thursdays.

Dancing helped drive a significant audience to Samantha and establish the show. **REUTERS**

Sundance film sparks distributors' legal battle

FILM Lionsgate and The Weinstein Company on Wednesday filed duelling lawsuits against each other over Sundance Film Festival hit Push: Based on the Novel by Sapphire, throwing into question who owns distributions rights to the urban drama.

In its suit, filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court, Lionsgate claims that TWC does not have "any right, title or interest" in the picture, which won both the grand jury and audience drama prizes in Park City. The company is seeking a judge's declaration to that effect.

Lionsgate filed the suit, it argues in the complaint, because of "threatened litigation" on the part of TWC over theatrical rights to Lee Daniels' inner-city tale.

Several hours after word surfaced of the Lionsgate suit, Weinstein Company reps said the company had filed its own suit against both Lionsgate and sales agent Cinetic Media, which represented the filmmakers, for breach of contract and inducing of breach of contract. TWC argues that there was a contract in place for the New York company to buy the movie.

"TWC reached a firm agreement for the rights to Push: Based on the Novel by Sapphire. Behind their backs Cinetic Media tried to make a better deal with Lionsgate. Lionsgate was well aware of the TWC contract but went forward anyway," said Bert Fields, who along with David Boies is representing TWC. **REUTERS**

The voices of Master Mind

Stiller, Fey and Downey, to lead superhero animation

Robert Downey Jr., Tina Fey and Ben Stiller are in negotiations to lead the voice cast for DreamWorks Animation's superhero lark Master Mind.

The satiric film, with a screenplay by Alan J. Schoolcraft and Brent Simons, concerns a brilliant superhero villain who loses his life's purpose when he accidentally kills his good-guy nemesis. DWA plans a Nov. 5, 2010 release (though the title might change). Stiller is a producer on the movie through his Red Hour Films.

DWA had a banner year in 2008 with its releases Kung Fu Panda and Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (also starring Stiller), which together have grossed more than $1.2 billion worldwide. The Jeffrey Katzenberg-led company also has Monsters vs. Aliens in theaters in March, How to Train Your Dragon and Shrek Goes Fourth in 2010, and a Kung Fu Panda sequel scheduled for 2011.

GETTY IMAGES

Actors Ben Stiller, Tina Fey and Robert Downey Jr. are in negotiations to lend their voice work to DreamWorks Animation movie Master Mind, a superhero lark.

Paramount, which distributes DWA's output, has its own animated feature, Rango, starring Johnny Depp, in production for a March 2011 release.

Fey, who produces, writes and stars in 30 Rock on NBC, will star in the 20th Century Fox comedy feature Date Night with Steve Carell.

Stiller, co-writer, director and star of the DreamWorks comedy Tropic Thunder, will next be on the big screen in the May release Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian.

Downey Jr., Oscar-nominated for his supporting role in Tropic Thunder, has Sherlock Holmes and Iron Man 2 in production this year, and The Soloist hitting theaters in April. **REUTERS**

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Dress regrets
Style icon Sarah Jessica Parker has revealed her biggest fashion regret was her wedding dress, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Sex and the City star wore black at her wedding to Matthew Broderick. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Noel the next U.K. prime minister?

POLITICS Noel Gallagher wants to be Britain's next prime minister, female first.co.uk reports. The Oasis star claims it won't be long until his popularity takes him to No. 10 Downing St., and plans on having a "proper laugh" once he is running the country. He said: "There will be a groundswell of public opinion sooner or later which will carry me into office."

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Pot pics tough to explain to mom

DRUGS Michael Phelps admits it "definitely wasn't easy" explaining those pot pics to his mom, Debbie, a middle-school principal, usmagazine.com reports. "Seeing my mom reminded me of how it was the day after I got my DUI, and I swore to myself I'd never do that again," Phelps — who was arrested in 2004 at age 19 for DUI — told the Baltimore Sun. The swimmer could face criminal charges for the alleged marijuana incident, The State newspaper of Columbia, S.C. reported Tuesday.

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Rihanna is obsessed with boyfriend Brown

RELATIONSHIPS Rihanna is so obsessed with boyfriend Chris Brown she can't let him out of her sight, according to femalefirst.co.uk.

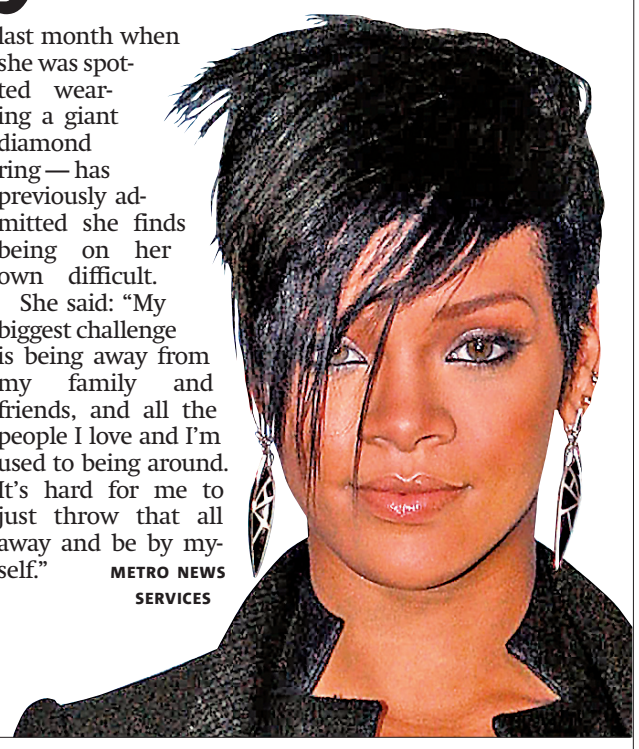
The singer started dating Brown in 2007 and friends claim she's so in love she doesn't like being separated from him.

A source told America's OK magazine: "She has to have Chris around her 24/7. If Chris is with her on a photo shoot and steps away for a second, she starts saying, 'Where did he go?'

"If Chris isn't with her, she wants to call and check in every second. She's crazy about him. Rihanna constantly talks about Chris."

The 20-year-old singer — who prompted rumours she was engaged to Brown, 19, last month when she was spotted wearing a giant diamond ring — has previously admitted she finds being on her own difficult.

She said: "My biggest challenge is being away from my family and friends, and all the people I love and I'm used to being around. It's hard for me to just throw that all away and be by myself."



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Britney, ex close to custody deal

COURTS Britney Spears and Kevin Federline are close to finalizing a custody arrangement allowing them both time to spend with their sons during Spears' tour, people.com reports. Federline's lawyer Mark Vincent Kaplan tells E! News that an agreement can be reached in "probably the next day."

Spears already has said sons Preston, 3, and Jayden, 2, would be joining her on the road when her two-month Circus tour kicks off on March 3 in New Orleans.

Spears will probably see her boys on "pretty much the same schedule that she has now," Kaplan tells E!.

Federline, 30, has primary custody of the boys, but Spears, 27, has nearly 50-50 access to them in visitation rights.

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Alba 'cried' during post-baby workouts

PREGNANCY Jessica Alba wants the world to know her body-after-baby secret — and it has nothing to do with celery sticks or crunches at the gym, people.com reports.

"I wore a girdle," the actress, 28, tells the March issue of Elle. "Eight weeks after my girlfriend had her baby, you could see her six-pack. She told me to put an elastic band around my waist — any kind of band or girdle works."

Adds Alba, "I didn't recover as fast as she did. I don't have a six-pack — that's just not my body at all."

The actress confesses that she tried working out to get in shape for a calendar shoot, but quickly gave it up. "(The workouts) were horrible," she tells the magazine. "I cried. And I haven't worked out since."

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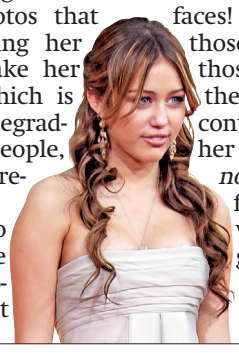
Miley says pics just 'goofy'

CONTROVERSY Miley Cyrus is finally speaking out on controversial photos that show her using her fingers to make her eyes slant, which is considered degrading to Asian people, usmagazine reports.

"I've also been told there are some people upset about some pictures taken of me with friends making goofy faces! Well, I'm sorry if those people looked at those pics and took them wrong and out of context!" she writes on her official fansite. "In *no* way was I making fun of any ethnicity! I was simply making a goofy face," she adds.



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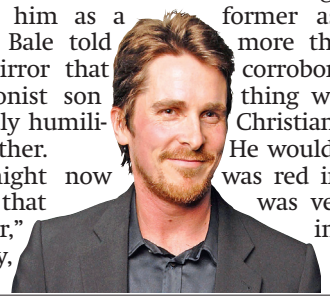
Bale's mom explains temper

IMAGE Christian Bale's mother says his wild temper is a result of how his father treated him as a child. Jenny Bale told the Daily Mirror that her perfectionist son was repeatedly humiliated by his father.

"People might now realize that that is his temper," said Jenny, who accused her son of assault last year. And Harrison Cheung, Christian's former assistant, was more than happy to corroborate: "If something wasn't just so, Christian would erupt. He would yell until he was red in the face. It was very intimidating."



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Beyoncé has 'no business' singing my songs: Etta James

LEGEND Soul veteran Etta James has apparently had enough of Beyoncé Knowles stealing her act. Knowles portrayed James in the film Cadillac Records and performed James' classic hit At Last for Barack Obama at an inauguration ball for the U.S. president.

But now James is hitting back. "You know that woman he had singing for him, singing my song — she's gonna get her ass whooped," James said at a Seattle concert, according to Perez Hilton.

"I can't stand Beyoncé. She has no business up there."

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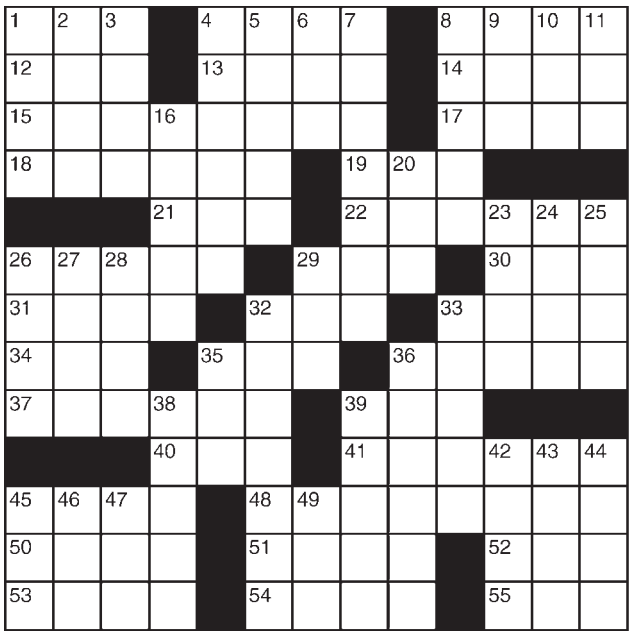

Crossword across

1 The girl
4 Scoot
8 Calculator symbol
12 Parcel of land
13 Ethereal
14 Prevalent
15 Hardly a fussy eater?
17 "Once — a time, ..."
18 Lighthouse light
19 Blue
21 Timecard abbr.
22 Brunch entrée
26 Pal of D'Artagnan
29 Use 35-Across
30 "That feels so good!"
31 Yonder, to an old salt
32 Shade
33 Remedy
34 Mal de —
35 Stovetop item
36 Move laterally
37 Greek concluders
39 One for the road?
40 Egos' counterparts
41 Emphasize
45 Crony
48 Navel
50 Hair salon request
51 Diligence
52 Mud bath site
53 Actress Hathaway
54 Wield needles
55 Always, in verse

Crossword down

1 Unkempt one
2 Base runner's goal
3 Sicilian spouter
4 Partygoers' mementos
5 They have their pride
6 Mess up
7 Unpleasant sight
8 Overly decorous one
9 Back talk
10 Martian craft
11 Sun Yat- —
16 Blood of the gods
20 Rocker Winehouse
23 Praise to the skies
24 Count counterpart
25 Quaker's address
26 Prefix with "sphere"
27 Outsiders
28 Aesopian also-ran
29 Enjoyment
32 Footstool
33 Approximately
35 Cushion
36 Potpourri pouch
38 Greedy kid's cry
39 Pants style named for an island
42 Differently
43 "Unh-unh"
44 Despot
45 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
46 Female lobster
47 Coffee vessel
49 Fellow

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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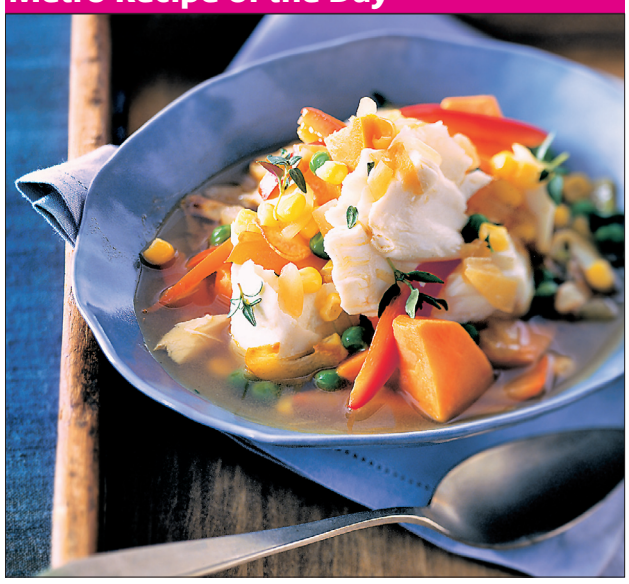

Fish and Vegetable Stew

INGREDIENTS:
1 1/2 tbsp (20 ml) olive oil
2 onions, finely chopped
3 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
1 large red pepper, seeded and thinly sliced
1 lb (500 g) sweet potato, peeled and cut into cubes
2 cups (500 ml) fish or vegetable stock
1 tsp (5 ml) chopped fresh thyme
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 2/3 cups (400 ml) frozen peas, thawed and drained
1 1/4 cups (300 ml) corn kernels
1 lb (500 g) skinless white fish fillets, cut into bite-sized pieces
Fresh thyme leaves to garnish

METHOD:
1. Heat oil in large frying pan with lid over moderate heat. Add onions and garlic and cook 5 minutes, stirring frequently, until onions are light gold.
2. Add red pepper and sweet potato, cover and cook 5 minutes, or until sweet potato begins to soften. Stir in stock, thyme and pinch of salt. Boil, then reduce heat, cover and simmer 10 minutes, or until sweet potato is just tender. Stir in peas and corn kernels.
3. Place fish on top of vegetables. Cover and cook gently 8–10 minutes, or until fish is cooked through. Season to taste with black pepper, then serve immediately sprinkled with fresh thyme leaves.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Your resourcefulness will be indispensable in a crisis. Try to be surprised when you're told an idea. You'll contact an old friend with a new device.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A woman will inspire an admirer's love poetry. Someone wants to take advantage of you. You might have to lend money to a friend.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Brace yourself for some unfair accusations. A man will bend the rules to win. You'll be put to the test by a free-thinker.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You have to be practical about an illness. Your sympathy won't help to fan the flames of love. Eat sparingly or you'll risk getting an upset stomach.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
You'll get your chance to catch up to a show-off. A high level of excitement will thrill you. You'll think twice before overindulging in delicious foods.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You'll have to clear a path between friends. The subject of security will come up in a dispute. You'll analyze your instinctive reactions.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You'll confide your wishes to a trusted friend. A social event will become ridiculous. A woman's timing will be off.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
An ironic twist of fate will have a weird benefit. Bizarre deeds will cause tempers to flare. A miserable affair will come to a blissful end.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
You'll learn to control your inclination to be outspoken. Mechanical trouble slows down your progress. A man won't respond to urgent messages.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
You'll give advice to a traumatized person. A woman will let go of a grudge. Someone will discover that you lied.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A former sweetheart will have a change of heart. Don't be surprised when an older friend calls. A nasty person is very depressed.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Information about a confusing issue will calm your fears. Chaos will develop when someone gets a crazy notion. You'll find it easy to forgive someone.

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